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Concern at loss of town TA base

WALSALL is to lose its Territorial Army base after Defence Secretary Philip Hammond confirmed it is among 38 military sites across the country to close.

The centre in Sutton Road has been deemed surplus to requirements and will shut before December 2016, when a decision will be made over the site's future.

The site is currently used by 225 field squadron and A Company of the Staffordshire & West Midlands (North Sector) Army cadets.

The closure comes as part of the Future Forces 2020 reforms, a £1.8 billion overhaul of the TA, to be renamed the Army Reserve.

Valerie Vaz, MP for Walsall South, has written to the defence secretary expressing her concerns. She said: "It seems odd that the Government want to expand the TA but then announce this spate of closures. I would like to know the rationale behind the decision to close at Walsall."

"There is a relationship between the town and the Army that could be affected if they move somewhere else."

An Army spokesman said: "We are only talking about a handful of people being affected by the Walsall site being closed."

Attack victim in critical condition

A MAN remains in a critical condition in hospital after a vicious assault outside a pub in Walsall

Police were called to the car park of the Horse & Jockey in Bloxwich Road at around 2.30am on Monday after a violent incident. They taped off the scene.

The victim, believed to be aged in his late 20s, suffered a serious head injury and detectives are appealing for witnesses. It is believed the attacker, or attackers, ran from the scene.

Police are urging anyone with information should call 101.

FAMILY PLEA TO CATCH KILLERS

Report by Lisa O'Brien

A TAKEAWAY driver murdered while making a delivery in Walsall had only taken the job weeks before to save for a Moses basket for the baby his wife was expecting.

A renewed appeal for information is being made three months after father-of-two Yasser Abbas, 28, was set upon by three masked men wielding weapons in Madison Avenue, Alumwell, during the early hours of April 13. He suffered serious head injuries and died in hospital four days later. Detectives are continuing to hunt for his killers and say the murder weapon could have been an axe or a meat cleaver.

Police say the victim was 'lured' to the scene, where he was set upon by attackers wearing balacavas or face coverings. Mr Abbas' family said his death had thrown their lives upside down and had shaken a close-knit community.

His brother-in-law Aftab Hussain, of Shard End, Birmingham, said Mr Abbas had been excited about becoming a father for the second time.

The 37-year-old said: "He had seen the job at the takeaway and wanted to get a bit of extra cash together for the baby. He wanted to buy a Moses basket."

Mr Abbas, of Raleigh Street, Birchills, had three operations to try to relieve swelling on his brain but died. His funeral on May 2 took place hours after his wife Shabam gave birth to a boy, Mohammed. His other son, Daniel, is aged four and thinks his father is in Pakistan.

The former Alumwell Comprehensive School student, had worked for Moon Palace, a Chinese takeaway in Old Birchills. He had previously worked for Harvestime bakery in Walsall.

Crying



Murder victim Yasser Abbas

His uncle Tariq Hussain, 45, of Gladstone Street, Walsall, said: "Since this happened the health of his father, Firat, has got worse. His wife is caring for the baby but she is crying almost day and night."

"Thousands of people came to his funeral. We have had a lot of support from the community and the police."

Another uncle, Shazad Hussain, said the family were desperate to bring his killers to justice and urged anyone with information to come forward. The 35-year-old, of Gladstone Street, Walsall, said: "Our lives have come to a standstill. We need some sort of closure. A father has lost a son. A son has lost a father. A wife has lost her husband. We need justice."

Detective Inspector Gary Plant, who is leading the inquiry, said police were keen to speak to anyone who saw a dark coloured vehicle leave the Ripon Road area shortly after the attack.

He said: "I'm also interested in a blue BMW 5 series seen in the area about an hour before the attack. It has been a targeted attack with Yasser as the intended victim. We do not know the motive. We are appealing for help from the community because I believe the answer to this is in the local community."

Anyone with information is urged to call police on 101.

Pedal-power helps charity

STAFF at Hartshorne Group's depot in Walsall braved sweltering temperatures on Saturday to take part in an 25-mile sponsored bike ride in aid of cancer research.

More than 30 employees used pedal power in the blazing sunshine to raise cash for The Cullen's Cancer Research Fund at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham.

The company has vowed to match pound for pound the sum raised by the ride along Walsall's towpaths, making a grand total of around £6,000.

Waiting for life to begin again



Waiting for a call that will change her life - Lisa Naylor, from Darlaston, who needs a kidney transplant, with the dialysis machine that keeps her alive but restricts her life

FOR nearly ten years Lisa Naylor, of Darlaston, has been waiting for the call that tells her she has a donor match and can have a kidney transplant.

Nine years ago she was given a 50:50 chance of survival when her kidneys failed and she was unconscious for two weeks as her parents were told to expect the worst. She had a transplant from her mother Sharon in 2006 but it failed.

Mrs Naylor is in need of regular dialysis. The former Walsall College student was working as a care assistant when her life changed forever. She can no longer work.

"I try to lead a normal life," said the 30-year-old from Parklands Road. "Rather than sit and mope I do what I can. My back hurts a lot but it's more using the needles as part of my dialysis. It's keeping me alive, so I can't complain."

In the West Midlands 654 people are waiting for a transplant and 152 have died in the past four years due to a shortage of

organ donors. Since April, 43 lives have been saved by a transplant in this region. The figures have come in national Transplant Week, July 8 to 14. This year's theme Pass It On stresses the importance of joining the NHS Organ Donor Register.

Frustrating

"You can donate many parts of yourself to save others," said Mrs Naylor, who married husband Mark last year.

The failed transplant left her mother with one kidney but, undeterred, her father Mark tried to donate too, before a heart condition prevented him. Now her sister Tammy is hoping she can donate with tests ongoing.

For Mrs Naylor her frustrating wait continues. "It wasn't my fault that I got this," she said. "As soon as I've had my transplant I'll be out working and I'll be able to have children too." To sign up to the Organ Donor Register call 0300 123 2323 or visit www.transplantweek.co.uk

Team in second Channel swim bid

A TEAM of six swimmers from Walsall will attempt to swim to France and back this weekend to raise money for a breast cancer charity.

Big Rick's Swim Team will battle cold water, waves, darkness, fatigue and even jelly fish during their return swim of the English Channel. It will be their second attempt after last year's effort was halted just 300 metres short of Dover due to thick fog.

The group was founded in memory of Walsall swimmer Mark Rickhuss, who died in 2005 while assisting a friend on a Channel swim.

Mr Bates added: "Whatever happens, this will probably be our final attempt."

The team will be raising money for the Breakthrough Breast Cancer, in memory of Philippa Thomas, partner of team member Richard Brownjohn. The swim is due to start in Dover at midnight on Sunday. To donate see www.justgiving.com/pip_schannelswimteam

Duke is excited over royal baby

THE Duke of York has told of his excitement at becoming great uncle to the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge's baby, as he visited Walsall.

Kate Middleton is due to give birth to the couple's first child on Saturday.

Prince Andrew was in Walsall to open the Black Country's first Studio school on Monday. The Duke is patron of the Studio Schools Trust. It will take up to 300 pupils from September at the £3 million Goldmine building in Lower Hall Lane.

The prince also visited the Black Country University Technical College in Bloxwich.

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Nightclub thug, 20, put behind bars for attacks



Jailed - Nicholas Gee

A THUG has been put behind bars after smashing a reveller's head through a glass window at a Walsall nightclub.

Nicholas Gee was locked up for 14 months after he was involved in a fight with two men in Walsall's WS1 One club on Bridge Street.

Wolverhampton Crown Court was told that Gee, aged 20, of Neath Road, Bloxwich, later sought out the victims as they waited for a cab in Ablewell Street.

The court heard how on the night of December 8 Gee had been in the club in

the town centre. He squared up to one of his victims, claiming he had been bumped into on the dancefloor. A friend of the victim stepped in to calm the situation but Gee punched the peacemaker twice to the side of his head.

Mr Mark Rees, prosecuting, said: "Afterwards they (the victims) left with friends and went to Zaf's Taxis to go home. The defendant and his friends all went to the taxi rank. Two of the defendant's friends blocked the door as Gee grabbed the victim by the neck and put it

through the window of the taxi cab office. The police were called."

It emerged that Gee had been convicted as youth in 2009 for battery after he kicked a person in the head. He was sent to a young offender's institute after a fight at Essington Working Men's club.

Gee pleaded guilty to assault occasioning actual bodily harm, two charges of common assault and criminal damage.

Record Nicholas Cartwright said it was a miracle that the victim wasn't more seriously injured or even killed.

Brothel 'manager' is jailed after police raid

A MOTHER-OF-THREE who ran a brothel from a rented house in Walsall has been jailed for four months.

Tanya Griffiths used to text prostitutes with details of shifts and clients at the property, in Midland Road. Provocative clothes and items linked to the sex trade were discovered at the address during a police swoop.

Wolverhampton Crown Court heard the house was rented by the daughter of Griffiths in 2010. But she returned home to live with her mother in 2011.

Poundland stops sale of Chinese sky lanterns

POUNDLAND has pulled Chinese lanterns from sale in the wake of a £6 million blaze in Smethwick.

The inferno at the Jaylax recycling plant was one of the biggest in the West Midlands and was tackled by more than 200 firefighters at its peak.

CCTV footage showed a Chinese lantern landing on the site, containing up to 100,000 bales of plastic, before it burst into flames.

Willenhall-based chain Poundland, which has more than 300 branches nationwide, has removed the lanterns from their shelves.

Richard Lancaster, trading director at Poundland, said: "We constantly review our buying decisions in accordance to what's happening around us."

"After hearing the news about the fire in Smethwick we have made a decision to stop selling lanterns to our customers and recalled all remaining stock from stores."

There are growing calls for a ban on the novelty floating lights, also known as sky lanterns.

Rent continued to be paid for the property and officers executed a search warrant at around 1pm on November 8 last year. They found 49-year-old Griffiths and two women in their early 20s sitting in a conservatory.

When interviewed by police one of the women admitted working there since 2012 as a prostitute.

Miss Amy Jacobs, prosecuting, said although there were no substantial profits being made, Griffiths was clearly 'managing the prostitutes' and was 'effectively organising the rota'.

Griffiths, of Viscount Drive, Castle Vale, Birmingham, said adult films had been made there but it was not being used as a brothel. But at crown court she admitted managing a brothel and was last week sentenced to four months in prison, of which she will serve half.

Mr Patrick Currie, defending, said Griffiths worked as an escort following the breakdown of her marriage.

He said: "She knows women who work the street and she tells me she was approached by a number of women who asked if they could use the address. The girls who came to provide services there were all existing prostitutes."

Griffiths asked for rent contributions between £5 and £20.

Sentencing her Judge Amjad Nawaz said: "People do not want that type of industry on their doorstep."

Wizzard saxman ties the knot at 74



Wedding day joy for Mike Burnley and his bride Sue Jeffs despite the musician's cancer battle

WHEN musician Mike Burnley looked into the eyes of his bride as they promised to love each other forever - in both sickness and in health - the words could not have been more poignant.

The saxophonist, who has performed with some of the music industry's greats, is battling cancer and faces a gruelling course of radiotherapy.

The illness has stopped him indulging in one of his life's loves - playing the saxophone.

Legends

But he was determined it would not stop him walking his first love down the aisle, and now the 74-year-old from Walsall has sweetheart Sue Jeffs at his side as his wife.

Mr Burnley, of The Butts, has met and performed with a range of music legends - ranging from Rat Pack star Sammy Davies Jr, jazz



Mike, right, with Wizzard frontman Roy Wood pictured during their 1970s heyday

singers Sarah Vaughan and Mel Torme, band leader Billy Eckstine, through to pop star Cliff Richard and crooner Engelbert Humperdinck.

But Mike is best known for his membership of 70s glam pop group Wizzard, led by Brum rock star Roy Wood. He can be heard playing on hits See My Baby Jive and I Wish It Could Be Christmas Everyday.

Sadley he is currently unable to play the saxophone due to his battle with cancer. He has a tumour on his pelvis, for which he has undergone surgery it could not be removed. He begins radiotherapy treatment in August in the hope it will shrink the tumour.

Mr Burnley was desperate to make the first love of his life, Sue, his wife and the pair married at Walsall Registry Office in Hatherton Road. He described the day as 'wonderful'.

"I only wish I could have married him sooner. I know he gets worried about the cancer, but I just keep trying to reassure him. I make him say something positive every day."

Artist Fred dies



Artist Fred Barnfield

CELEBRATED artist Fred Barnfield, who campaigned to have the names of 1,000 fallen soldiers added to Wednesbury war memorial, has died aged 77.

The father of two died on Friday at Walsall Manor Hospital following a battle with throat cancer.

Mr Barnfield grew up in Tipton but spent much of his life in Wednesbury working as an iron moulder in a foundry.

Inspiring

He gained great renown in 1984 as The Wednesbury Blobber for his 'blob' portraits, using a brush and a squeeze bottle.

Vice Chairman of Tipton Civic Society, Keith Hodgkins said: "He was one of those amazing people who had very little formal education, but had educated himself, and was knowledgeable. He was inspiring."

Third bus sex attack

A THIRD sexual assault has taken place on a bus in Walsall, police have revealed.

Detectives are linking the attacks on women which have taken place over the last two months.

The latest incident happened on the number 51 bus which runs between Birmingham and Walsall.

An Asian man wearing an olive coloured baseball cap and dark tracksuit bottoms assaulted a 55-year-old woman after sitting next to her. The man, believed to be between 25 and 30, placed a coat over the woman's legs and inappropriately touched her.

He left the bus as it stopped at St Paul's bus station in Walsall. The incident happened on June 26 at 5.45pm. Others were on the 529 and 997.

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Victim's serious injuries

A MAN who was seriously hurt in an attack in Walsall town centre has suffered a potentially 'life changing' injury, detectives revealed.

Police are now trawling through CCTV to search for clues to the assault which left the man in his 20s with a serious head injury.

A friend of the man received minor injuries as he tried to escape the attack which happened in Bradford Street at around 3.30am on Friday. Some shops and market stalls, remained sealed off for more than 12 hours.

Detective Inspector Harry Harrison said: "A young man is in hospital with a potentially life changing injury and we need to piece together what happened."

"We are confident that local CCTV will help with our inquiries but in the meantime we are asking for anyone who has not yet spoken to police to come forward if they witnessed the attack, or have any information about those who are responsible."

Officers can be contacted on 101 or to anonymously at Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Warning on tunnel closures

COMMUTERS who drive into Birmingham are being urged to take advantage of out-of-town car parks and use public transport while Birmingham's A38 tunnels are closed.

Special parking arrangements are in place during the closures which include additional free parking facilities in Perry Barr.

Alternative

The St Chad's and Queensway Tunnels will be shut for essential refurbishment work from July 19 until September 2 and drivers are being asked to use alternative transport into the city.

Centro wants motorists to make use of the bus, rail and Midland Metro network.

For travellers approaching the city along the A34/Walsall corridor, additional parking spaces are available throughout the closures at Birmingham City University's City North campus at Perry Barr.

Lighter fuel sniffer showed signs of illness

THE signs of Ian Woolley's mental illness had been obvious for years.

And yet no one could have guessed the lumbering six-footer was capable of the 'dreadful brutality' that led him to kill both his mother Pauline Gillen and concerned neighbour Jason Duffield.

Woolley, a father of three, was addicted to

sniffing lighter fuel, sometimes inhaling up to 10 cans a day. He was also an alcoholic and smoked cannabis.

His sister said he had talked about seeing space ships and killing the Prime Minister.

Psychiatrist Kenny Herbert, on whose report the judge based his sentence sending Woolley to a secure hospital, described the

killer as a paranoid schizophrenic who had been ill for at least 10 years.

He said many people might have thought Woolley's substance taking led him to kill but it was more likely that Woolley used lighter fuel and alcohol to block out the hallucinations that tortured him.

Woolley was initially deemed unfit to

plead but, with treatment, his condition improved to the point where he recognised what he had done, and had reacted with 'shock and remorse.'

Although declared well enough to enter a plea, Mr Herbert said Woolley has continued to lapse into psychotic thinking and would require long-term treatment.

Psychotic killer stabbed mother and neighbour

A SON stabbed his mother to death with a screwdriver as she lay in bed before killing her next door neighbour and throwing him over a fifth-floor balcony.

Ian Woolley then sat and smoked a cigarette before dialling 999 and telling the operator: "I've just committed murder."

The father-of-three admitted manslaughter on the grounds of diminished responsibility at Birmingham Crown Court yesterday.

He was sentenced to be detained in a secure hospital indefinitely and cannot be released without the authority of the secretary of state.

The 44-year-old attacked Pauline Gillen, aged 69, and Jason Duffield, aged 41, at Holly Court, in Acacia Avenue, Yew Tree, on the Walsall-Sandwell border where both victims and Woolley lived, in the early hours of October 6 last year.

On the day before the killings Woolley had met his mother and brother in Walsall.

Shouting

Malcolm Woolley said his brother had been in a 'funny mood' and struck him in the face, said Mr Peter Grieve-Smith, prosecuting.

Mrs Gillen, a 69-year-old mother of three, lived on the same floor in Holly Court, Acacia Avenue, Walsall, as her son, but in a separate flat. Jason Duffield, described as 'quiet and shy' also lived on the fifth floor.

That night on October 6, Mr Duffield, 41, who would normally not have had the confidence to leave his flat, had responded to the sound of a woman shouting, the court heard. Woolley, who had a key to his mother's flat, had let himself in and gone to her bedroom, where he stabbed her.

Mr Duffield was the second to be attacked. He was stabbed through the skull and chest before being dragged through the apartment and tipped over the balcony.

A neighbour looked through his spyhole when he heard the disturbance and saw Woolley walk calmly back to his flat.

When arrested, Woolley asked police: "Is she dead? Is he dead? Good." He said he used his 'dad's old screwdriver' to kill them.

He added: "Things came to a head. The other man came to the wrong place at the wrong time."

Chris Millington, defending, said Woolley suffered from 'psychotic ideas which had no basis in reality.'

Judge William Davis, QC, the Birmingham Recorder, told Woolley: "With dreadful brutality you killed your mother and, having killed her, a neighbour who had done nothing



Victim - mother Pauline Gillen, aged 69



Victim - neighbour Jason Duffield



Killer - mentally ill Ian Woolley



A police forensic tent covers the spot where Jason Duffield's body was found



The flats on Acacia Avenue, Walsall

more but come to assist was killed with equal brutality. These were dreadful and tragic events."

Mr Duffield leaves a son and daughter, and a stepson, with whom he lived.

Although separated from his wife Sarah, she spoke of the family's grief at their loss: "As a family we want to remember Jason for

who he was, a caring and wonderful person who would help anyone in need. Because of this he died so tragically and in such a brutal way."

"We wish to remember him as we knew him and be left in private to our memories."

Pauline Gillen's family said in a statement after Friday's hearing: "At this time

we as a family would like to remember our mother as the caring and loving person that we all loved dearly."

"She was taken from us prematurely in the most unimaginable way possibly."

"Our thoughts at this time are also with the Duffield family and we offer our condolences."

NEWS in brief

Ellie in a move to new swim coach

PARALYMPIC swimming star Ellie Simmonds is switching her training base from Swansea to Loughborough University, in Leicestershire, after competing in the IPC World Championships in Montreal next month.

The new coach for the 18-year-old from Aldridge will be Steve Bayley. Her long-standing coach Billy Pye, who guided the swimmer to double gold at London 2012, will continue to work with her during competitions and at training camps.

Ellie, said: "The last six years with Billy have been absolutely incredible and I can't thank him enough." Mr Pye added: "It's been wonderful to see her grow from a hugely talented youngster to an inspirational young lady."

Petition against shop plan at pub

A PETITION with more than 100 signatures against the development of a derelict pub in Willenhall has been presented to councillors.

Plans for a new shop front at the Brown Jug, Sandbeds Road, will help attract a new tenant and deter anti-social behaviour, Dudley-based applicant SEP Properties Ltd told Walsall Council.

But a petition against the proposals was launched by residents and shopkeepers.

The 127-signature petition was passed to councillors at Walsall Council's planning committee meeting. The committee deferred its consideration of the application.

By-election to be held next month

A BY-ELECTION following the death of former Walsall transport and environment chief Tom Ansell will be held on August 15.

Nominations for the Aldridge Central and South seat must be made by July 19.

The former Mayor and council leader died last month at the age of 70.

Mr Ansell had served as a Conservative councillor in Aldridge for more than 25 years.

Ramblers going on farmland walk

WALSALL Ramblers will be heading to Kyre Wyard near Tenbury Wells for a 7.5 mile farmland walk on Sunday. Contact walk leaders for on 01922 692929 or 01543 371033.

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A RECYCLING centre in Smethwick is set ablaze by a Chinese lantern and our immediate response is to run around like headless chickens calling for a new law to ban such devices. For heaven's sake, we do not need any new laws. England has been passing laws for 1,000 years and the law against deliberately or recklessly starting fires is fully covered by the Criminal Damage Act. All we need is a prosecution or two to make the point that sending a naked flame aloft in a Chinese lantern is as reckless as lobbing a petrol bomb over your neighbour's fence.

“IT WOULD be too much to say that death does not frighten me, but I have no fear of the hereafter because I do not believe in it.” From the last interview by the Nobel-winning scientist Christian de Duve, 95, whose death by legally-assisted suicide in Belgium was reported this week. He went out, according to his family, with “a smile and a goodbye.”

AN INTERNET poll shows a big resurgence of “extreme retro” names from Victorian times. But we all grow old and one day today's young people, with names like Chardonnay, Sting, River and Waynetta, will become old people, living in homes where they will be cared for by young people called Mabel, Florence, Winifred and Stanley.

“THE Conservatives’ high priest of enthusiasm.” Boris Johnson, as described this week by political pundit Benedict Brogan.

AS anyone in academia will tell you, there are two great reasons to become a teacher, namely July and August. The long, sunny, six-week holidays are a relic from the time when kids were needed to bring in the harvest and are a huge attraction for would-be teachers. No wonder that union leaders are enraged by the Government's Deregulation Bill which will allow head teachers, not local authorities, to set term times and holidays. But I doubt if they have much to worry about. Most heads, like most teachers, want long holidays and a quiet life. The last thing they desire is to be pinned up against the wall by angry parents complaining that they can't juggle family holidays to suit a changed term. The most likely outcome is that schools in the same area will quietly agree on the same holidays and that any head who tries to introduce radical new short terms will get a flurry of resignation notes from the staffroom.

WHAT rocked me slightly on my heels in the school-term reports was the passing reference to how many state schools there are in the UK. Go on, have a guess. The answer is about 25,000. In the internet age when all the world's knowledge, languages and culture are a mouse-click away, isn't it extraordinary that we have no better means of educating children than dragging them in batches of 30 through 14 years of lessons, at the end of which some can't even string a sentence together? There must be a better way.

MEMORANDUM. From the White House, Washington, to EU Headquarters, Brussels: As a mark of goodwill, the United States Government hereby solemnly pledges that all electronic eavesdropping on the emails, offices, phone conversations and personal diaries of EU officials and politicians will cease as of 2000 hrs on Monday, July 15 (immediately after Angela Merkel's pedicure appointment).

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Builder chosen for leisure centre revamp

A BUILDER based in Walsall Wood has been appointed to carry out the £500,000 revamp of a leisure centre which will get under way this week.

Niken Construction, in Hall Lane, has been chosen to carry out the redevelopment work at Friary Grange Leisure Centre, in Lichfield, which will be out of action to swimmers until the autumn. Apart from the

pool, the rest of the leisure centre, in Eastern Avenue, will stay open.

Councillor Val Richards, leisure boss at Lichfield District Council, said: “We're all excited that work is about to get started. It will make a huge difference to leisure centre users.”

“We know everyone will miss the swimming pool over the summer

and autumn but we hope swimmers will take advantage of Burntwood Leisure Centre's two pools while it is out of action.”

The work will include easier access into the leisure centre and pool and the creation of a viewing platform to the pool from an extended refreshment area.

Leisure bosses say anyone who

has a membership to Friary Grange that includes the use of the pool can use Burntwood's facilities for the duration of the works.

The transformation is being paid for through a £200,000 grant from Sport England and funding from Staffordshire County Council, Lichfield District Council and section 106 contributions.

Ambulance depot is under investigation

AN INVESTIGATION has been launched into claims an ambulance hub in Willenhall is breaching planning permission with residents complaining about noise from the site.

The depot was opened at Electrium Point as a maintenance and preparation base but residents say they are suffering sleepless nights from wailing sirens as vehicles leave the site.

Walsall Council has launched an enforcement investigation, although West Midlands Ambulance Service (WMAS) bosses insist steps are being taken to resolve the issue.

Officers at the council are recommending members of the council's planning committee do not initiate formal enforcement action at this stage, until the inquiry into the Ashmore Lake Way site is completed.

Report

In a report to councillors, head of planning David Elsworth wrote: “The alleged breach is that without the required planning permission the West Midlands Ambulance Service are dispatching ambulances on emergency responses from the ambulance maintenance hub.”

“Whilst residents have provided evidence of ambulances potentially being dispatched for emergency responses using their sirens from the maintenance hub on Ashmore Lake Way, and whilst officers have carried out some monitoring and served a Planning Contra-

by Craig Hughes

vention Notice already, the results have so far proved inconclusive.

“Asking for WMAS records will assist in bringing the enforcement case to a conclusion.”

The hub, which launched last November, is home to a team of ambulance fleet assistants who stock, clean and prepare the vehicles for paramedics.

Planning permission was granted for a two-storey building and office space.

The intention is for vehicles to be collected and then move off site to stand-by points to respond to calls.

Residents have voiced concerns over ambulances responding straight from the hub, rather than only in the cases of nearby emergencies.

WMAS spokesman Chris Kowalik said: “There has been work going on with our control room to use the hub in the way it is supposed to be.”

“We have been working on reducing 999 responses from the hub and they have been going down.”

Bravery inspired by nurse

SUPPORTERS of Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals Charity braved wind and rain for an abseil down a Birmingham department store in memory of a colleague.

City Hospital staff nurse Ramandeep Kaur, from Willenhall, died following an asthma attack, aged 22.

NHS staff, including chief nurse Rachel Overfield, were joined by others to raise money for asthma services at the abseil at House of Fraser in Corporation Street.

To sponsor the staff from Ward D17, where Ramandeep worked, visit www.justgiving.com/teams/d17abseilers

Jamani's tropical tunes silenced



Busker Jamani Stewart has been told he can't play his steel pan in Bloxwich Market, which has led to an outcry from those who enjoy his typically tropical sounds

HE has had shoppers dancing in the street but not everyone was in tune with talented young Caribbean musician Jamani Stewart.

The teenage busker was asked to move from his spot in Bloxwich market by police—despite becoming the talk of the town for tropical sounds that brought a ray of sunshine to the town centre.

The 18-year-old, who has performed across the UK and Trinidad, had been playing his steel pan just off the main High Street, near to the market, when he was approached by police officers.

He has now decided to stop playing in Bloxwich but is aiming to return sometime in the future.

Jamani, from Great Barr, has performed in front of the Jamaican athletics team and at Birmingham Symphony Hall and ICC. He

has released his own album Next Chapter and busking is a sideline.

The musician said: “It is mainly just to brighten up people's town centres. I just want to go out and show everybody the music I do.”

Magical

West Midlands Police spokeswoman Joanne Hunt confirmed neighbourhood officers spoke to the busker following complaints about noise levels. She said: “The officers did ask him if he would consider other locations given the complaints.”

But Jamani has received support for his busking from scores of passers-by and Bloxwich councillor Kath Phillips hailed his impact on the town centre, saying: “It was magical.”

Views are sought on borough road plans

RESIDENTS in Walsall can give their views on roads in the borough as part of a national survey.

Around 4,500 borough residents will be given the chance to respond in the National Highways and Transport Public Satisfaction Survey.

Walsall is one of 70 local authorities across the country taking part.

The survey asks questions on road and transport services, use of transport, cycling, road safety, traffic management and congestion. The surveys will be sent out during this month and the results will be published later this year.

Regeneration and transport chief Councillor Adrian Andrew said: “A consultation exercise on this scale demonstrates Walsall Council's commitment to both listening and responding to local residents.”

“I would urge residents as soon as they receive their questionnaire to fill it in without delay and return it. By taking on board the views and opinions of local people we are more able to improve the delivery of services so that they better meet the needs and expectations.”

Makeover at eyesore site

DERELICT land in Darlaston that has been regularly targeted by fly-tippers is receiving a makeover

Residents are helping to transform the former allotment site in Herberts Park Road to become the George Rose Community Garden.

The land was declared surplus to requirements in the early 1970s and became an eyesore. Residents backed by Walsall Council are now working to transform the site with help from Kier Construction, currently working on the nearby Grace Academy, providing two weeks' worth of free work.

Club president

A NEW president has been selected for Darlaston Rotary Club.

David Read will take up the role of president of the club and has already set out his stall to attract new members and take on bigger projects. The grandfather-of-10 has been a long-serving member of the club.

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Meeting on post office's future

A PUBLIC meeting will be held by campaigners fighting plans to close down Willenhall post office and move it into a shop.

Workers at the John Street office held a strike over the proposals, amid fears jobs could be at risk.

Campaigners in Willenhall are inviting post office bosses to the meeting on Friday, July 19, to hear people's views.

Willenhall is one of 70 Crown Post Office branches earmarked to be franchised. Post office bosses want to help claw back annual losses of around £40 million.

Diane Coughlan, councillor for Willenhall South, claimed that the Willenhall branch was one of the busiest in the area, with up to 2,000 people passing through its doors each week.

"There is no way people would be able to get the same level of service if the post office moved into a shop," she said.

"There are no shops in the town centre that are big enough to accommodate that level of people on a weekly basis, apart from the supermarkets. We are adamant the post office must stay in the town centre as it is also bringing people in to other shops there."

Representatives from the Communication Workers' Union have been invited to the meeting at Willenhall Chart Centre in Gomer Street at 3pm.

Bosses have said where a suitable retail partner cannot be found, branches will remain open and have stressed there will be no compulsory redundancies.

Vodka-fuelled knife threat

A DRUNK Polish man armed with a 20cm-long kitchen knife threatened people in Walsall town centre during the early hours, the town's magistrates court heard.

Gregorz Mikitczuk, of Westbourne Road, Walsall, had been drinking vodka when police were called to reports he was brandishing a knife. The 22-year-old admitted possession of a bladed article in a public place. He was remanded in custody to appear at Wolverhampton Crown Court for sentence on July 30. Mr Chris Loach, defending, said Mikitczuk had no recollection of making threats to anyone.

Thief's pockets were bulging with stolen stamps

A THIEF tried to steal hundreds of booklets of stamps worth more than £1,000 which were scattered on the ground in Walsall town centre, a court heard.

John Steatham had his 'pockets bulging' with postage stamps which belonged to WH Smith in Park Street where there had been a break-in.

The 34-year-old said he stumbled across the stamps during the early hours of Sunday morning but said he did not enter or burgle the premises.

He admitted theft by finding and was sentenced to a four month prison term, suspended for a year, at Walsall Magistrates Court last week.

When Steatham was searched by police they found 143 books of six first class stamps, 76 books of 12 first class stamps and 29 books of four first class stamps. There was also one book of 12 second class stamps.

In all, the haul of stamps were valued at £1,172.40, the hearing was told.

Searched

Miss Rachel Smith, prosecuting, said police received a call that WH Smith had been raided just after 4.10am. Three tills had been stripped of stamps.

Steatham was seen near the doorway and when he was searched by officers he was discovered with the postage stamps.

She told the hearing there were no stamps on the floor of the store or on the pavement outside the shop.

Miss Smith added: "During the course of his police interview he said he had been visiting friends, taking drugs."

"As he passed WH Smith he noticed the front door entrance of the premises were forced open and there was paper scattered everywhere."

"He decided to take these items, pick them all up to keep for himself or sell them on."

Steatham, of Wednesbury Road, Pleck, had traces of heroin and cocaine in his system when he was arrested.

As well as the suspended jail term, Steatham must pay £85 costs and an £80 victim surcharge.

Ban for drink-driver seen swerving on M6

A DRINK-DRIVER whose BMW was seen 'swerving from side to side' on the M6 has been given a two-year driving ban.

Amritpal Singh's car was spotted as it travelled towards junction seven for Great Barr, a court heard.

Shortly after 24-year-old Singh came off the motorway he was stopped by police, in Lake Avenue, Walsall, and a roadside breath test was carried out.

He was then taken to a police station where tests showed he had 107 microgrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath. The legal limit is 35 microgrammes.

Singh, of Gillity Avenue, Walsall, appeared at Walsall Magistrates Court and admitted drink-driving.

Birthday

He told the court he had been at a party for his uncle's 50th birthday celebrations on the Saturday night and was drinking until around 8am the following morning.

"I then went to sleep around 9am, got up around 3pm and went out again," said Singh. "I didn't realise it was still in me so much."

Singh went out at 4pm on the Sunday, June 10, and went to a pub where he told the Probation Service he had around six doubles of vodka before getting behind the wheel.

Prosecutor Val Hart said: "He was seen driving his

by Kirsten Rawlins

BMW along the M6 approaching junction seven and he was seen to be swerving from side to side.

"He came off the motorway and was stopped a short distance away where he was given a breath test at the side of the road."

Singh, an area manager of a pizza company, was banned from driving for two years. He was made the subject of a 12-month supervision order, ordered to take part in a 60-day 'drink impaired drivers' course' and told to complete 80 hours of unpaid work.

Singh was also ordered to pay £85 prosecution costs and a £60 surcharge.

Sentencing him District Judge Michael Morris told him: "You were more than three times over the legal drink-drive limit, potentially creating a great deal of danger to members of the public."

"For you not to know you were more than three times over the limit really is quite incomprehensible."

First aid training at stadium

ST JOHN Ambulance is offering training at the Banks' Stadium, home of Walsall FC, later this month so it can help more people learn first aid for the workplace.

The training division of the charity will host courses including first aid at work and fire marshal qualifications with the first course on July 22. Last year St John Ambulance trained 5,557 people at its West Midlands venues, mainly in three-day first aid courses. To find out more about St John Ambulance training for businesses, call 0844 770 4800 or book online at www.sja.org.uk/training

More than 40 metal covers stolen from roads



Hole lot of trouble – Council leader Councillor Mike Bird with the temporary drain shields being installed after scores of manhole and drain covers were stolen from streets in Walsall, particularly Park Hall and Delves

MORE than 40 metal covers worth £20,000 have been stolen from streets in Walsall within a week.

The gully and manhole covers have been swiped predominantly around the Park Hall and Delves areas Temporary measures to cover the holes have now been taken.

It comes amid fears someone could fall down a hole and be seriously injured if metal thieves continue to strike steal covers from across the borough.

A total of 14 gully and 28 manhole covers have been taken from streets

including Park Hall Road, Woodside Road, Charlemont Road, Skip Lane, Newquay Road, Canberra Road, Bell Lane and Poplar Avenue.

Council leader Mike Bird, who lives in Park Hall, called on scrap dealers to be responsible and not accept drain covers if they belong to a council.

He added that someone could be seriously hurt if they fall down a gaping hole and condemned those who are responsible for the thefts.

"This is a fatality waiting to happen. They only get pennies for them, these are people that don't give a damn

about life or limb," he said. "The thieves need to be apprehended but so do the scrap dealers."

The missing covers were reported to the council and holes have been made safe. Bosses are organising replacement gully covers which are lockable and establishing who is responsible for replacing manhole covers, as these can belong to different organisations.

The use of plastic drain covers has been trialled by the council and was considered a success. Subject to funding they could be used throughout the borough.

NEWS in brief

Hoard treasure on show in cathedral

ITEMS from the Staffordshire Hoard, found near Brownhills, are on display at Lichfield Cathedral following a £50,000 grant from Arts Council England.

The Chapter House is home to a selection of artefacts, some not seen before, as well as replicas, information panels and a craft table.

Chancellor at Lichfield Cathedral, Canon Anthony Moore, said: "As well as the stunning new hoard items, the Chapter House now houses an iPad interactive, crafting table, handling replicas and more," he said.

"As well as being able to virtually clean a piece of the Staffordshire Hoard, you can also take a closer look at star items."

The display is open daily and is free, although donations are welcome.

Libraries hosting events for families

A SERIES of events for families are being held at libraries across the Walsall borough on Saturday as part of 'Take Your Child to the Library Day'.

Picnics will be held at the events and snacks provided. Any child joining the library can sign up to this year's summer reading challenge to get youngsters to read six books during the school holidays.

Leisure chief Councillor Anthony Harris said: "It will be a fun day for all the family and a chance to take a look at what your library has on offer."

Second hotel plan for Drayton Manor

A SECOND hotel is planned at a Staffordshire theme park. Proposals for a 85-bedroom hotel have been drawn up after the success of the £19 million hotel that opened at Drayton Manor Park two years ago. Demand has continued since the opening of 150-bedroom Drayton Manor Hotel where some rooms have a Thomas & Friends theme.

Stuck for a quid at the fire station

A CAR passenger got her hand stuck trying to retrieve a £1 coin and had to be rescued by firefighters.

The woman, trapped between the seat and the console, was driven to Walsall fire station by a family member, where a metal bar was used to free her last Wednesday.

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NEWS

IN MY VIEW

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ANDREWS

FORMER Cabinet minister Jack Straw says MPs should be given a £10,000-a-year pay rise in order to attract more candidates from working-class backgrounds.

He's not wrong. Talk to anybody living in one of the less affluent parts of the West Midlands and the message is always the same. People always say: "I'd really love to be an MP. I believe I have something to offer my constituents. But the thing is, I couldn't get by on 66 grand a year."

THE idea to give MPs a whopping great pay rise came not from the honourable members themselves, but from the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority, the body set up at a cost of £6.6 million to restore the public's confidence in MPs.

But given that the proposals from IPSA, already under fire over its own running costs, have so far only managed to stoke up the controversy about MP's salary, here is an alternative idea.

Why not do away with all the expensive independent bodies, and simply link MPs' pay to inflation, just like they do with the state pension?

Of course there will be a debate about which measure of inflation is used, but the answer to that is easy. Just go for the lowest one.

See? I've solved the problem already, and at a fraction of the millions of pounds spent on IPSA. Just send me a cheque in the post for, I dunno, £66,000 a year. That should cover it.

CONGRATULATIONS to Andy Murray for becoming the first Briton in 77 years to win Wimbledon. But can we now leave it at that?

While the patriot in me is pleased to see somebody from these fair islands win a major sporting event, I didn't like tennis last week, and I'm not going to pretend I like it this week.

I've always taken the view that tennis is a bit of a soft sport, with too many highly strung, temperamental types who throw tantrums the moment the going gets a bit tough. On the other hand, it brings a lot of pleasure to many people, and it is good that they have something to celebrate.

There is something very unsportsmanlike, though, about the way some people just jump on the bandwagon of any particular sport the moment a big international competition comes along, particularly if somebody from this country does well at it.

It was the same with the Olympics last year. Who was interested in cycling before Bradley Wiggins' triumph in the Tour de France? How many people who deck out their houses with red-and-white bunting at World Cup time will bother to turn out to local football grounds?

It will be interesting to see how many people caught up in the hysteria of Murray-mania will be paying such close attention to the US Open in a couple of months.



Steve McHugh in his Co-Op day job



Gunners McHugh, Plant and Grosvenor dressed and ready for action



Ross Grosvenor at work at Brindley

TA to the soldiers who back up regular Army

DANIEL WAINWRIGHT looks at the unsung volunteer reservists who combine their duties with a full-time job

THEY are the weekend warriors training to back up Britain's military.

They hold down full time jobs and spend their evenings and many of their weekends training all over the country to handle harsh terrain and the pressure of being under fire.

One of the Territorial Army reservists, Abby Plant works in finance for environmental consultancy Adas in Pendeford. The 24-year-old from Codsall spends her weekdays in an office but on Saturdays gets up at 5am, dresses in camouflage gear and carries a heavy rucksack to run up and down hills in Surrey.

This week she takes her exams as part of her accounting technician diploma.

At the weekend Gunner Plant of 106 (Yeomanry) Regiment Royal Artillery may have to carry a backpack weighing 20kg (44lb) six miles within 90 minutes, sleep out in the open in Salisbury or drive Land Rovers the way they were built to be driven – off road.

Physically

Former Codsall High School pupil Gunner Plant, of Bromley Gardens, said: "It's an exciting life. It's exhausting and it can take it out of you, but you always feel that you've accomplished something."

"I wasn't particularly physically fit when I joined but I thought if I don't do this now I'll keep putting it off," she added.

Now she is at the gym two or three times a week and is part of a running club with her fellow soldiers.

She walks the several miles to work each morning and then runs home in the evening.

Over the past decade the Territorial Army has deployed 26,000 reservists



Abby Plant combines her TA role with a financial job near Wolverhampton

including 22,000 to Iraq and Afghanistan. A tour of duty lasts six months but follows three months of full time, intensive training. In that time 30 have been killed.

The Army is reducing the number of regular Army soldiers from 102,000 down to 82,000. Some serving soldiers are being put on notice that they are facing redundancy and the government is prepared to spend £1.8 billion to expand the TA to fill the void.

As well as the weekend commitments there is the prospect that one day Abby will find herself overseas alongside

regular army soldiers. Her parents Nick, aged 53 and Vicky, 51, understand what the role involves, as does her employer. However, there are legal protections that ensure a job is kept open for any TA soldier who goes on a tour.

When the Army needs Territorial soldiers, it goes through a process called mobilisation. Territorials are only called up if the army needs them.

They or their employers can object if it would seriously affect their lives or work.

Abby joined the TA two and a half years ago on the same day as Ross

Grosvenor from Walsall. Gunner Grosvenor, aged 21, works as a service adviser at the Brindley Nissan garage in Delta Way, Cannock.

He lives with his parents Simon, 51 – who also served in the TA with the Staffordshire Regiment – and Lynn, 53, in Pelsall. He has a sister, Zoe, aged 17.

On Tuesdays he finishes his 8am to 6pm shift, polishes off a sandwich or microwaveable ready meal and heads off to The TA site in Fallings Park, Wolverhampton where he is with the Air Defence Unit of 106 Regiment Royal Artillery. "I'd always had an ambition to be a pilot", he said.

"After I left Queen Mary's Grammar School in Walsall I applied to the Royal Air Force. But when I got to Cranwell they said I lacked life experience by wanting to join straight from school."

"I joined the TA and following 12 months of training passed out in January last year."

"On Tuesdays we will do any sort of training from first aid to vehicle checks and weapon handling skills," he added.

Weekends

"Sometimes we will devote a whole session to fitness assessments, including how many press ups we can do. I'm on the regiment shooting team which goes away on competitions to places like the Salisbury Plains."

"Going away with the TA takes place one or two weekends a month," Gunner Grosvenor said. "We also do a one to two week camp every year. I'm allowed to take the time off from work unpaid."

His colleague Gunner Steve McHugh, aged 23, has been with the TA for five years. He works at the Co-Op petrol station in Wombourne.

His work with the TA saw him spend three months in London during the Olympics, supporting the regular army and seeing the Paralympics opening ceremony. He said: "For me it's a social life as well as work."

● For details on joining the TA visit army.mod.uk or call 0845 600 8080.

THROUGH THE YEARS

1983...

COMEDIAN Lenny Henry found it no laughing matter when he turned up to open the wrong summer fete in Dudley. Lenny turned up to open the Burton Road Hospital fete when he should have been six miles away at the Corbett Hospital, Stourbridge.

ATTENDANCE at Wolverhampton's four public baths spiralled as the region sizzled in 90 degree temperatures. More than 9,000 people used the Bilston, Bushbury, Central and Heath Town baths in the first week of July.

A SCHOOL leaver from Lower Gornal planned to beat the dole crew by creating a high-flying job for himself – washing aeroplanes. David Carter started cleaning planes for the West Midlands Flight Centre at Half-penny Green airport after leaving Ellows Hall School.

1993.....

A £260,000 project aimed at stopping youngsters from becoming car thieves was launched in Wolverhampton. Project leader Simon Brittain said he hoped the scheme for 12 to 18-year-olds would steer young people in the right direction.

A MOTORIST was hailed a hero after dragging a Wolverhampton pensioner out of his smoke-filled bungalow. But the mystery samaritan, who also pulled a burning chair out of the East Park property, disappeared before anyone could thank him.

SIXTH-form pupils from a girls' school at Brewod appeared before Wolverhampton magistrates – in a mock trial. The teenagers at St Dominic's were involved in the event as part of a scheme to raise social awareness.

2003...

THREE Wolverhampton teachers hoped to scale new heights when they set off on the gruelling Three Peaks Challenge. They aimed to climb Scotland's Ben Nevis, England's Scafell Pike and Wales's Snowdon in 24 hours.

FIREFIGHTERS extinguishing a blazing car were left stunned when it took off – without any driver. The crew were left baffled when the car, believed to be stolen, mysteriously started racing down the field and performed a U-turn before shuddering to a halt.

PUPILS and staff at Kings School in Tettenhall had a hair-raising experience to raise money for charity. Brightly-coloured wigs, shaved heads and unique cuts were on show as they raised £500 for Barnardos.

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Thanks from councillor's widow

RE: The late Cllr Tom Ansell

May I through your forum thank the Manor Hospital from the paramedics to the A&E unit, the AMU ward and the ITU ward for all their care and professionalism they gave to my husband. My sincere thanks to you all for trying to save my husband's life.

Secondly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people of Walsall for their cards and wonderful tributes regarding Tom.

It was comforting to know that so many people respected Tom in so many ways regarding help, support and guidance.

Search to find Friar Park family

CAN anyone help? I am trying to trace the descendants of John Cox and Ethel Eliza Challinor who married on December 3, 1927.

They had, I think eight children and lived in the Bassett Road, Dorsett Road area of Friar Park, Wednesbury, until John's death in the 1940s when my aunt remarried and the family relocated further into West Bromwich.

Any information please contact 01902 608191.

N CHALLINOR
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I would like to thank Roy Quinton Funeral Services for the dignity and professional service they gave, and I thank immensely the wonderful tribute Sir Richard Shepherd and Councillor Garry Perry and my sons Darren, Jason and my grandchildren gave. It was a very emotional time for me.

There are two particular ladies who helped me from day one to organise the funeral who work at Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council, their names are Mrs R Bacha and Mrs D Baker, they worked non-stop to organise the smooth running of the funeral, so

heartfelt thanks from me and my family.

Thank you Mark for giving us a wonderful service and last but not least a big thank you to the Staffordshire Regiment and Masoc for their guard of honour for Tom.

Thank you all once again the people of Walsall, Tom was born in Walsall and he was so proud to serve the people of Walsall and I know he will not only be missed as a husband, father, grandfather but also as a politician and friend.

God bless you all.
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LETTERS to the Editor

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Dismayed by decision to take Carl off the air

AS one local historian to another, I add my support to Carl Chinn and am dismayed entirely by the decision to take his show off air on BBC Radio WM. Having appeared on Carl's show a few times and benefited from both his enthusiasm and support, I would say to remove such a programme is ridiculous.

Carl is a huge figure in the Midlands and those of us who know him and have had the privilege to work with him appreciate his promotion of our area and his continued championing of Birmingham in publications, broadcasts and books.

What with the poor standard of knowledge of history, local history in particular, which our youngsters seem to possess these days, he was always putting forward our Black Country. I doubt the BBC will change it's mind now but here's hoping a commercial station will recognise Carl's following. Thanks Carl.

MARK DABBS
Darlaston Road
Walsall

Inspired by brave Dianne

IT was really inspirational reading about Dianne Freeth in the Chronicle recently - a very brave and forward thinking lady.

I lost my own cousin to cancer this year and he was only 48. Just think how much more could be spent on cancer research if humankind wasn't intent on fighting the next war.

Life isn't a rehearsal. Life is something that only comes once and we should all take advantage of it and live it to the full. Ultimately we should live our lives for the betterment of our community, society, country and the world.

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NEWS

Man died at scene of first kiss with his wife

A FATHER-OF-THREE hanged himself from the tree where he and his wife had their first kiss, an inquest heard.

Parmajit Singh Sidhu, 34, of Streetly was found at the tree in Dartmouth Park, West Bromwich, hours after texting his wife to say: "I will wait for you in my next life babes, you will find me under the tree where we first kissed."

An inquest in Smethwick was told how Mr Sidhu, from Katsura Close, was found by police on May 28 last year following a five-hour search, after his wife Amarjit alerted his family and the police.

Canada

Black Country coroner Robin Balmain was told that Mr Sidhu, also known as Datus, and his wife had separated earlier that year and he went to Canada shortly before his death. It was not certain that it would be a permanent separation.

His wife had tried calling



Parmajit Singh Sidhu, aged 34, killed himself

him back a number of times after his text message, before calling several members of his family, and then the police.

Pc Thomas Parkes, who attended the scene, said: "The original call came shortly after 11am from Mrs Sidhu regarding a text

message about the place where they first kissed, which she knew to be Dartmouth Park. But she could not give a precise location."

Police used Mr Sidhu's mobile phone signals to trace him, which placed him within Dartmouth Park. His body was discovered at about 5pm that day.

Recording his verdict that Mr Sidhu killed himself, Mr Balmain said: "It's not the function of an inquest to deal with motive."

He also said that these types of cases were 'enormously distressing', and he had a general concern that the number of inquests he has conducted where hanging was involved had increased 'dramatically'.

After the inquest, Mr Sidhu's mother Sanjit Kaur described the lorry driver and former soldier as 'very family orientated'.

She said: "He was well known in the community, and there was over 700 people at his funeral, who came from all over the world."

Sickness falls after nurse brought in

SICKNESS absence at Walsall Council has fallen over the last 12 months, following a new system to reduce the number of staff missing from work, figures have revealed.

Absence levels have reduced to an average of under nine days per employee in 2012/13, compared to over 12 in 2009/2010.

A nurse-led system was introduced more than 18 months ago where staff have to speak to a nurse when calling in sick.

It followed a trial in some departments

and allows employees to seek medical advice.

Finance and personnel chief councillor Chris Towe said they wanted to offer support to workers when they are ill while also driving down the number of staff missing from work.

"This has reduced from 9.05 days in 2011/12 to 8.95 2012/13," he said.

"This follows four exceptional years of improvement on this important underlying indicator of productivity and staff morale."

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NEWS

Growers are defiant after jobs go on wrecking spree



Vandals used green paint to ruin the mural that Kate Frost had painted on her shed with her nephew Oliver Smith

DEFIANT plot-holders at an allotment in Rushall say they will not be beaten following an attack by vandals

Paint was daubed over a colourful children's mural at Cartbridge Lane Allotments in Rushall as part of the mean-spirited raid on the plots on Saturday night, June 29.

Managers of the Cartbridge Lane site have made a plea for anyone with information to come forward.

They said people had been left devastated by the trail of destruction, including an arson attack but would rebuild despite the yobs.

The wreckers set fire to a shed and tried to break into another shed, which was daubed with anti-vandal paint.

They destroyed a mural of TV characters Bill and Ben painted on the side of a shed used to encourage children to learn about planting.

William Locke, 52, of Ryecroft, said: "Whoever was responsible left tracks behind of green paint and we think they may have dropped green paint on them. Anyone who saw anything suspicious in the area should contact police."

Mr Locke, a member of the site committee and of East Walsall Local Management Association, which looks after

four sites, added: "There has been a problem with break-ins for quite some time now."

"But everyone is determined to carry on. We're not going to give up and let these people win."

Security

Anyone with information is asked to call police on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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NEWS

Restored landmark is to be site of team dig

ARCHAEOLOGISTS will descend on Walsall's landmark Barr Beacon later this month for a community excavation and building recording project.

The Council for British Archaeology West Midlands will be working with Walsall Council's countryside services team at the site from July 16 to 21.

Volunteers will also be able to get involved. The project will finish with an open day on July 21 when a hands-on activities will be on offer.

It comes after a £400,000 restoration project at the site has been completed.

Ceremony

Discussions are taking place around a rededication ceremony in 2014, and plans are in the pipeline for various community events.

Councillor Adrian Andrew, chairman of Barr Beacon Trust, said: "This is fantastic news for Barr Beacon and gives our communities a chance to get involved in a fascinating event."

"We know there is some evidence of prehistoric and Roman activity in the form of spot finds but these are not accurately located."

"Evidence of activity during the Second World War, possibly associated with ammunition storage, has also been identified."

"The excavation and building recording project will hopefully address some of the many unanswered questions around Barr Beacon as well as raise the profile of this important local landmark."

Poundland store deal

POUNDLAND has renewed its deal for its store in Walsall's Saddlers Centre. The shopping centre's new owners Topland secured a deal with the Willenhall-based retailer to remain in Park Mall. Steve Pope, of Topland, said: "We are delighted to have retained such a well-known local business in a key position in the Saddlers Centre."

Marks sparks job hopes



Recruit Louise Southall, right, learns from an experienced colleague during training at a Marks & Spencer store in the Black Country

WALSALL has been selected as one of 27 towns and cities across the UK taking part in a Marks & Spencer youth scheme to boost employment.

Sixteen young people have now started inductions and placements at the retail giant's Walsall branch in Park Street.

Marks & Spencer has teamed up with The Prince's Trust to create more than 1,400 work experience placements for 16 to 25-year-olds.

It comes as youth unemployment levels recently reached record highs, with one in five 16 to 25-year-olds struggling to find work. In Walsall, one in four young people are jobless.

Marc Bolland, chief executive of M&S, said: "Youth unemployment has become one of today's key social issues and we want to lead the charge for businesses to do more to tackle it head on."

"That's why we've set aside 1,400 new placements for young people in our stores and have called on our suppliers and other businesses to start engaging their communities and make their own commitments to youth opportunity."

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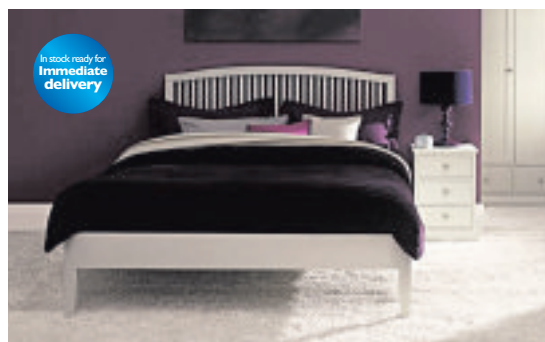


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A HAIRDRESSER is celebrating taking over as boss at the Pelsall salon where she used to work as a Saturday girl. Alice Cheeseman is now director and manager of Alice at HC Group, in Norton Road.

She said she was thrilled to relaunch the shop just a year after finishing her training at Walsall College and is now looking to take on her own trainee.

"Walsall College has given me a lot of support in this, particularly my tutor Christine Wilkes," added the former Brownhills School pupil. "It's fantastic to be the director of a salon at just 20-years-old and I have a lot of exciting plans."

Christine Wilkes, college hairdressing tutor, said: "Alice is a great example of how an apprenticeship can equip students with the knowledge and skills they need to progress quickly."

Scam led to police chase after £700 quote to remove nest

A SUSPECTED rogue trader offered to remove a fictitious bees nest from a couple's garden for £700, sparking a dramatic police chase after they foiled the scam.

The West Midlands Police force helicopter was dispatched to Walsall after the conman, posing as a gardener, approached a couple in their 80s at their home in Pelsall.

by Lisa O'Brien

He claimed their garden had a bees nest that was causing concern among neighbours. He offered to get rid of the problem in exchange for the exorbitant fee. The bees nest, however, did not exist.

The pensioners declined to pay and after becoming suspicious they spoke to their neighbours who dialled 999. Police were on the scene within minutes of the call being made at 9am on Wednesday of last week and the force helicopter joined the search for the suspect's vehicle.

The pair reported the man driving off in a red box van, and minutes later, officers found a vehicle matching the description parked in Walsall Road, Great Wyrley.

After a brief chase on foot, they arrested a 26-year-old on suspicion of attempted burglary. He was being questioned about the visit to the couple's home and other reported rogue trader-type incidents involving people offering bogus gardening services in the Walsall area.

Inquiries were continuing to trace a second suspect who was seen running away from the parked van.

Police have warned residents to remain vigilant and be on their guard when dealing with callers.

Detective Sergeant Steve Walters, from Bloxwich CID, said: "You should always be suspicious about people arriving at your house unannounced offering their services. This couple did exactly the right thing, told him to leave and contacted police."

"They later searched through their garden and checked with neighbours but there was no sign of a bees nest."

"Rogue traders can be very convincing and innovative in the ruses they use to try and get people to part with their money - this time it was a bees nest, but others have included rat catching, burst water pipes, questionnaires and meter readers."

Witnesses should call Bloxwich CID on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

Lots of smiles at village's sunny carnival



Parent Georgia Wilson with youngsters who took part in the the Ryders Hayes school float during Pelsall Carnival

THOUSANDS took to the sun-drenched streets of Pelsall to celebrate the village's 41st carnival.

The biggest procession of recent years set off from Commonsides with nine floats, seven walking groups and

three bands. Two arenas in the show-ground were packed with crowds who saw a mass Zumba class, the crowning of carnival royalty and displays.

Ian Rhydderch, carnival committee secretary, said: "An outdoor event is

ten times better if the weather is good, and by golly it was good."

"The streets were lined with spectators for the one-and-three-quarter mile route and everybody had a big smile on their face."

Legion plan family day in bid to hit fund target

PELSALL, branch of the Royal British Legion is celebrating after a successful appeal on Armed Forces Day raised more than £180.

Organisers hope to raise more than £2,000 this year and are continuing fundraising with a Family Day at Pelsall Common on July 27.

The day-long event kicks off at 10am and will continue until 3pm featuring a display of motorcycles, children's fair rides and inflatable slide, face painting, a balloon modeller and a host of stalls.

Karen Clift, branch chairman, said: "At Royal British Legion Pelsall we are committed to raising funds to help our Armed Forces past and present and their families, whether it is through adaptation to their homes or holidays for the whole family."

Anyone who would like a stall, costing £5, can contact Karen on 01922 682031.

Charity crafts

RESIDENTS of Pelsall have a chance to grab a unique gift and raise money for a cancer charity at the same time on Sunday afternoon.

The craft and gift fair at Pelsall Labour Club, in Church Road, is in aid of the the Mouth Cancer Foundation.

The event will be on from noon until 4pm with a small donation for admission.

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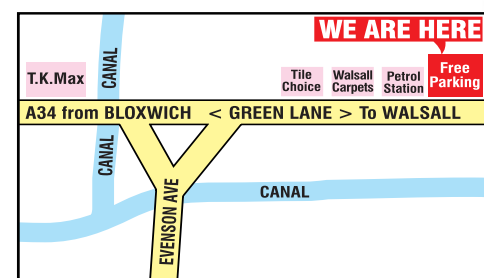


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Hospitals face massive fines over A&E delays



Walsall Manor Hospital facing a fine of £22,800 for failing to accept patients at the emergency department soon enough

HOSPITALS including Sandwell General and Walsall Manor are facing huge fines for failing to accept patients at emergency departments soon enough.

Rules introduced in April mean hospital trusts can be fined £200 every time they take between 30 and 60 minutes for a patient to be handed over to A&E after their arrival by ambulance.

The fines, levied by local clinical commissioning groups, reach £1,000 if the wait is more than 60 minutes, as

was the case with 91 ambulances in the Black Country and Stafford in April.

Hospitals in the region, including Sandwell in West Bromwich, Walsall Manor, Stafford, Russells Hall, New Cross, Worcestershire Royal, Birmingham Children's and Queen Elizabeth, are responsible for £429,000 of fines.

Breaches

Sandwell Hospital could be fined £80,000 for 272 breaches, 32 of which saw patients waiting for more than one hour to be handed over.

Vanya Rogers, spokesman for Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust, said: "We have been

working extremely hard to improve handover times and with an eye to the coming winter we have implemented a trust-wide strategy."

Walsall Manor and New Cross are looking at fines of £22,800 each.

Birmingham Children's Hospital faces a £4,000 fine, while the QE in Edgbaston could be fined £97,000. The worst performer in the West Midlands was Birmingham Heartlands Hospital, which faces a £219,200 fine. Russells Hall, Dudley, could be fined £128,800.

West Midlands Ambulance Service faces a £16,200 fine for failing to meet turnaround targets in April.

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NEWS

Golf club pro arrested over indecent images

A GOLF club professional has been arrested on suspicion of downloading indecent images of children.

Guy Dean has worked across Staffordshire and the Black Country including at clubs in Penn, Rowley Regis, West Bromwich, Pelsall and Cannock over his career. He was arrested in April.

Penn Golf Club accepted his resignation with immediate effect after the arrest.

Mr Dean, aged 43, has not yet been charged and has been bailed to a date in September. He said he had been helping police with enquiries.

"There's nothing I can say yet really as the investigation is ongoing," he said. "I've helped with police inquiries. I have told them everything I know."

Mr Dean had continued to offer tuition at Fishley Park, Pelsall, after his resignation at Penn.

Roy Johnson, a director of Fishley Park, said: "He wasn't an employee. He came and did lessons with us and that's it."



Golf club professional Guy Dean

"Fishley Park is a family business but I wasn't aware of this arrest until now. In the light of these events we have now parted company."

According to Fishley Park's website, Mr Dean had been teaching there since 1991. He started his professional career at Beaudesert Golf Club in Rugeley Road, Cannock, in 1986. In 1996 he joined ranks with European Seniors Tour player Jim Rhodes at South Staffordshire Golf Club.

He was also head professional at Dartmouth Golf Club, West Bromwich, before he spent five years as head professional at Dudley Golf Club, Rowley Regis, in 2000.

Bailed

In 2005 Mr Dean became head professional at Penn Golf Club in Wolverhampton, which he left with immediate effect in April after tendering his resignation.

Staffordshire Police spokesman Faye Casey said: "A 43-year-old man from Bloxwich was arrested in April on suspicion of possession of, and making, indecent images of children."

He has been bailed, pending further inquiries, to a date in September."

Penn Golf Club declined to comment, citing legal reasons.

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NEWS

Sign can stay for five more years



The controversial digital sign located beside the M6 can stay for at least five more years

A GIANT advertisement hoarding beside a busy stretch of the M6 has been given the go-ahead to remain for another five years.

The sign, which was converted to digital in the spring, is in the grounds of Banks's Stadium in Walsall.

More than 90 accidents have been reported along the stretch of the motorway approaching the hoarding in four years.

Three serious or fatal smashes happened on the adjacent section of the M6 between 2008 and 2012. There were another 91 classified as slight.

The Highways Agency had said: "We understand that high levels of LED illumination can impair the visibility of motorists."

Five residents living nearby had also objected because of the sign's size, brightness and potential for distracting drivers. Despite this, the application was

approved by Walsall Council's planning committee at a meeting last week.

Council leader Councillor Mike Bird said: "My view is there is no danger to highway safety because people aren't driving 70 or 80mph. They get to 40 or 50mph along that stretch if they're lucky."

"Since the sign was erected there has not been one accident attributed to the sign."

A 50mph speed limit is currently in place along that section of motorway, between junctions nine and eight, as work takes place to introduce hard shoulder running.

The digital adverts replaced the existing boards on the sign erected five years ago as part of a £2 million investment.

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Singer Joe on a journey from roadie to rock star

THE dream of going from roadie to rock star is coming true for one musician from Walsall after supporting a Birmingham rock legend.

Until recently Joe Summers had only been able to watch his musical heroes from backstage a technical engineer for performers but a twist of fate has launched his own career.

The 27-year-old from Chuckery, a former student at Barr Beacon School, got his break when his university lecturer

introduced him to the tour manager of Handsworth-born rock legend Steve Winwood, himself a former Great Barr School pupil, who took him on as a drum engineer for his European tour.

The graduate had just finished studying music at the University of Gloucestershire in Cheltenham and was looking for his first break in a technical capacity in the industry.

Then while on Steve Winwood's tour in Europe singer Joe got his chance to shine when the band meant to support the star singer pulled out at the last minute. Joe was given the nod and so picked up his guitar and stepped into the spotlight.

Radio 2

He said: "This has really been a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for me and it's been a great chance to develop my music."

The singer-songwriter, who counts Bob Dylan, Nick Drake and Joni Mitchell among his influences, has won many fans including Radio 2 DJ Steve Lamacq who regularly plays his tracks on his show.

"I've still got a part-time job between tours but I'm gradually getting to the point where I gig enough to support myself," said Joe. "The Black Country is an area that seems to attract and produce musicians."

As well as Steve Winwood, who was a member of 60s hit-makers The Spencer Davis Group and psychedelic rockers Traffic, Joe has supported others including Joan Armatrading, The Lightning Seeds, Frank Turner and Fyfe Dangerfield.

Joe is unsigned and self-managed but has finished work on his debut album, which he hopes to release this year.

"As well as releasing my album I hope to get more opportunities to gig and play live music. I love getting out on stage and bringing music to people," he added.

Tom Mason



Joe Summers seen in concert, pictured by Ross Mitchell

Chuckery celebrates week-long community festival

RESIDENTS are getting ready for a week-long celebration in Walsall.

Chuckery Festival 2013, now in its third year, starts on Saturday in the grounds of Chuckery Tenant Management Organisation, off Union Street, with stalls and a barbecue.

The music and community festival, which closes on July 21 with a music extravaganza in Walsall Arboretum, has grown in popularity and is set to be bigger than ever.

Activities start at Chuckery's Paddock flats at noon Saturday with

performances from pupils of Chuckery Primary, Blue Coat Junior and Blue Coat Academy.

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Disney presents The Lion King, Birmingham Hippodrome

THE popular Disney animated movie turned blockbuster musical has roared into the Midlands and it is a spectacular production that will live long in the memory.

That's just how it should be, when audiences are paying West End prices they expect and deserve London theatreland production values. Disney deliver those in this colourful, creative touring version of the West End and Broadway hit.

The costumes and puppets are breathtaking, right from the moment elephants and a rhino stroll down the Hippodrome aisles to join leaping antelopes and lofty giraffes striding across the stage as the international cast sing Elton John's Circle of Life.

It is a jaw-dropping set piece, matched at the start of the second act

when the actors turn the auditorium into an aviary for swooping buzzards and birds of paradise.

The scenery and costumes are ingenious as actors become grassland savannahs with the help of surreal hats or herd of gazelles via a double bicycle contraption.

Dynamic

At the heart of the show is a simple story of a boy becoming a man, or rather cub becoming a lion, as Simba learns to face up to his responsibilities and make his murdered father proud by saving the family pride of lions.

Several youngsters share the roles of young lion and lioness Simba and Nala. At this performance dynamic little Joshua Cameron and delightful Donica Elliston were excellent.

Nicholas Nkuna had a noble bearing and good voice as Simba, almost eclipsed by Carole Stennett as the

feisty strong-voiced Nala. Stephen Carlisle verged on panto villain as Simba's evil uncle Scar but the incredible Gugwana Dlamini, the best singer by far, was the audience's favourite as the bizarre baboon Rafiki.

Of course, the children's favourites are wisecracking duo Timon and the flatulent Pumbaa, excellent characterisations by John Hasler and Mark Roper respectively in elaborate costume puppet combinations.

This production is not without flaws, sometimes Tim Rice's witty lyrics are lost in the mix. But the catchiest song Hakuna Matata – Swahili for 'no worries' – was so infectious that many left the theatre singing it after the audience gave the show a standing ovation.

You can feel the love for this show. It continues at the Hippodrome until September 28

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What's On! Walsall

Free jazz festival gig at The Public

JAZZ singer Roy Forbes will be performing with a quartet in a free gig at The Public in West Bromwich as part of Birmingham International Blues and Jazz Festival.

The gig featuring the Brian Dee Quartet takes place on Saturday from 8pm. Mr Forbes began his jazz career with the late Birmingham jazz legend Andy Hamilton. Linda Saunders, managing director of The Public said: "The festival coincides with the launch of the New Square Development, so over the course of the weekend West Bromwich will be buzzing with activity."

Family fun in parks

MUSICAL and children's activities will be held in Walsall parks this summer. Events are being held in Reedswood Park, Birchills, on July 29, and Holland Park, Brownhills, on July 31. In August there will be events in Darlston, Pleck, Pheasey, Palfrey and Willenhall. Leisure chief councillor Anthony Harris said: "We have hundreds of people turn out for our park fun days, they're really popular."

See www.whatsonwalsall.co.uk or call 01922 654893 for information.

It's a thriller night

MEMBERS of Aldridge Youth Theatre join forces with the adults for a production of Emlyn Williams thriller Night Must Fall, directed by Lee Tregillis. It's at the Noddy Park Road theatre from tonight (Thursday) to Saturday. Tickets cost £7 (concessions £6) available by calling 01922 458615.

Blue all rise to occasion with a headline set at Judgestock

Life is a Grand cabaret for Will

POP star Will Young is heading to Wolverhampton to take a lead role in the touring version of the recent West End hit production of Cabaret.

The raunchy, hard-hitting musical set in 1930s Germany, contrasting hedonistic lifestyles with the rise of the Nazis, will be performed at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre from November 26 to 30.

Will Young was nominated for a prestigious Olivier award for his portrayal of the comic yet sinister character Emcee. The 34-year-old rose to fame after winning the first Pop Idol contest in 2002, and still holds the record for the fastest selling debut single in British chart history with Evergreen.

As well as scoring four number one singles, he has pursued an acting career, appearing with Dame Judi Dench in the film Mrs Henderson Presents.

The new version of Cabaret, the story of Berlin nightclub singer Sally Bowles, features such popular songs as Money Makes The World Go Round, Maybe This Time and title song Cabaret. Tickets cost between £21.50 and £39.50, available on 01902 429212 or at www.grandtheatre.co.uk

Meanwhile, the 1960s heyday of crooners Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis Jr is subject of tribute show Rat Pack Vegas Spectacular at the Grand on Sunday evening.



Will Young stars in musical Cabaret coming to Wolverhampton Grand

CHART-TOPPERS Blue will be playing at the three-day festival Judgestock in the heart of the Black Country at Sandwell Valley over August Bank Holiday weekend

Organisers have promised that next month's event will be bigger and better than ever with three stages featuring acts including a headline set from recently reunited boy band Blue, who had hits with All Rise, Too Close and If You Come Back.

Also on the bill is rocker Mitchel Emms, who recently featured on BBC TV show The Voice, along with various tribute acts, local bands and young people from Coneysgre Arts in Tipton.

Support

The festival organised by Lee Judge has raised thousands for Macmillan Cancer Support over the years in memory of Simon Turton, a friend who lost his battle with cancer in 2011.

The 38-year-old who lives in West Bromwich said: "The festival is going to be huge. Previously, Judgestock has been a one-day event but this year we really wanted to put on a weekend festival to rival some of the bigger events."

Lee has raised close to £125,000 for various causes over the past 17 years. He added: "Last year we donated around £2,000 to Macmillan



Festival organiser Lee Judge and we're looking to better that this year."

The event, August 24-26, also support the Mayor of Sandwell's charities, Birmingham Midland Eye Centre and Better Understanding of Dementia in Sandwell.

Tickets cost £12 per day for adults or £30 for all three days. Children's tickets cost £6 or £15 three days (all plus booking fees), with under-5s free when accompanied by paying adult. For information see www.judgestockmusicfestival.co.uk.

Rock legend has Civic concert date

LED Zeppelin rock legend Robert Plant will make a triumphant return home to Wolverhampton Civic Hall for a concert on September 2.

Plant will perform with his latest band - Sensational Space Shifters - as one of just two UK dates.

The West Bromwich-born singer last played at the Civic in 2005 when he did two shows.

The legendary Led Zeppelin frontman is currently touring in America and his only other date in the UK is at Bristol Colston Hall.

Civic tickets cost £40 standing or £45 balcony.

They mean it Man

THE Brotherhood of Man, who won the Eurovision Song Contest in 1976, will be appearing in Pelsall tomorrow night (Friday).

The group proved such a hit on their last visit to Pelsall Community Centre, in December, that they are making a rapid return to perform their show The 70s Story at the Station Street venue.

The show starts at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £16 and are available directly from the community centre.

Never sing alone

THE Birmingham and Midland Operatic Society stage classic Rodgers and Hammerstein musical Carousel, most famous for the song You'll Never Walk Alone, at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre this week, with the last performance on Saturday night. Tickets cost £11 to £26.



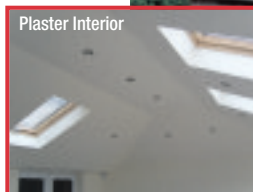
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What's On!

SATURDAY'S TV 13.07.13

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CHOICE	BBC1	BBC2	ITV	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5	DIGITAL
 <p>Russell Watson</p> <p>The Queen's Coronation Festival Gala BBC1, 7pm Last summer, we helped Her Maj mark the 60th anniversary of her ascending to the throne, and now, 12 months on, we're doing it all again, this time as she celebrates 60 years since her coronation. A three-day Coronation Festival at Buckingham Palace climaxes with a spectacular evening gala. The Fanfare Trumpeters from the Household Division open the show, which also features performances from Kiri Te Kanawa, Katherine Jenkins, Russell Watson, Katie Melua, The Feeling and the English National Ballet.</p>	<p>6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 Lorraine's Fast, Fresh and Easy Food. (R) 12.00 BBC News: Regional News: Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.00 Live MotoGP. 2.00 Athletics: British Championships. 4.10 Escape to the Country. (R) 5.10 Room 101 - Extra Storage. (R) 5.50 Pointless Celebrities. (R) 6.40 BBC News: Regional News: Weather.</p> <p>7.00 The Queen's Coronation Festival Gala. Sophie Raworth and Gareth Malone present highlights of the concert from Buckingham Palace, featuring Kiri Te Kanawa, Katherine Jenkins, Russell Watson and Katie Melua.</p> <p>8.20 The National Lottery: In It to Win It. Dale Winton hosts as five contestants compete to be in the right place at the right time to win a share of the loot. Includes the National Lottery draws, presented by OJ Borg.</p> <p>9.10 Casualty. Tom is on a personal visit to a prison when a disturbance breaks out and the trouble spreads. Zoe deals with a young girl who will go to great lengths to connect with her mother.</p> <p>10.00 Mrs Brown's Boys. Agnes worries her family is too secretive. (R)</p> <p>10.30 BBC News: Weather: National Lottery Update. 10.50 Film: Enemy of the State. (1998) An encounter with an old friend derails a lawyer's life as he ends up framed for murder and pursued by government agents. Thriller, starring Will Smith.</p> <p>12.50 Weatherview. 12.55 BBC News.</p>	<p>6.00 This Is BBC Two. 6.05 Film: The Half Naked Truth. (1932) 7.20 Film: Best of the Badmen. (1951) 8.40 The Sky at Night. (R) 9.00 A History of Scotland. (R) 10.00 Life in the Freezer. (R) 10.30 Triathlon. 12.00 The A to Z of TV Cooking. 12.45 Golf: The Story of the Open Championship 2012. 1.40 EastEnders. (R) 3.30 Live Challenge Cup Rugby League.</p> <p>6.10 Plog II Anita Manning and Adam Partridge value items at Sunderland's Stadium of Light, and Paul Martin visits Beamish, the Living Museum of the North in Co Durham. (R)</p> <p>7.10 Dad's Army. The platoon re-enacts the battle between St George and the dragon. (R)</p> <p>7.40 Giant Squid: Filming the Impossible - Natural World Special. Documentary following a team of scientists using underwater robots and state-of-the-art submarines to try to find and film a living giant squid for the first time.</p> <p>8.25 Qi XL. With Sandi Toksvig, Bill Bailey and Susan Calman. (R)</p> <p>9.10 Top of the Lake. New series. A 12-year-old is found to be pregnant and child-protection specialist Robin Griffin is called in to assist local police.</p> <p>10.10 Alive: Rankin Faces Death - A Culture Show Special.</p> <p>11.10 Film: Rabbit Hole. (2010) Premiere. A couple try to keep their marriage from falling apart as they take different approaches to coping with their son's death. Drama, with Nicole Kidman and Aaron Eckhart.</p> <p>12.35 Golf: Scottish Open Highlights. 1.35 This Is BBC Two.</p>	<p>6.00 CITV: Jake and the Neverland Pirates. 6.15 Jake and the Neverland Pirates. 6.25 Poppy Cat. 6.40 Poppy Cat. 6.50 Animals. (R) 7.00 Animals. (R) 7.10 Bookaboo. 7.20 Kick Buttowski - Suburban Daredevil. 7.35 The Avengers: Earth's Mightiest Heroes! 8.00 Gravity Falls. 8.25 ITV News: Weather. (R) 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) 10.15 Murder, She Wrote. (R) 11.15 Saturday Farm. 12.15 ITV News: Weather. 12.25 All Star Mr & Mrs. (R) 1.25 The Chase. (R) 2.25 Film: Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure. (1989) 4.00 Midsomer Murders. (R) 6.00 Regional Programme: Weather.</p> <p>6.15 ITV News: Weather. 6.30 You've Been Framed! Comical clips, featuring an exploding beanbag. (R)</p> <p>7.00 You've Been Framed! Humorous footage, including a Reliant Robin that flips 360 degrees. (R)</p> <p>7.30 Your Face Sounds Familiar. Guest judge Peter Andre joins Emma Bunton and Julian Clary on the panel as the celebrities impersonate more randomly selected music icons. Alesha Dixon and Paddy McGuinness host.</p> <p>8.45 All Star Family Fortunes. Hollywoods Jack Danny Mac (Mark "Dodger" Savage) and Claire Richards from Steps team up with their families in an attempt to win money for charity. Vernon Kay hosts the game show.</p> <p>9.45 The Americans. 10.30 ITV News: Weather. 10.50 Film: Hot Fuzz. (2007) Action comedy, starring Simon Pegg.</p> <p>12.55 Jackpot247. 3.00 In Plain Sight. (R) 3.40 ITV Nightscreen.</p>	<p>6.00 The Treacle People. (R) 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.05 Caterham UK Racing. 7.30 The Grid. 8.00 The Morning Line. 9.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 9.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 10.00 Frasier. (R) 10.30 Frasier. (R) 11.00 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 11.30 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 12.00 The Simpsons. (R) 12.50 Undercover Boss Canada. (R) 1.30 Channel 4 Racing. 4.15 Come Dine with Me. (R) 4.45 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.15 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.50 Come Dine with Me. (R)</p> <p>6.20 Come Dine with Me. Hairdresser Kim Connor hosts the final party in Huddersfield, hoping her American diner-themed menu will delight her guests. (R)</p> <p>6.50 Channel 4 News. 7.15 Ramadan Diaries. 7.20 Grand Designs. The conversion of a lifeboat station into a contemporary home. (R)</p> <p>8.20 The Million Pound Drop Live. Davina McCall presents the quiz show in which contestants are challenged to place large quantities of cash over trapdoors as they face a series of questions.</p> <p>10.00 Film: Repo Men. (2010) Premiere. A man employed to repossess artificial organs questions his career when he needs a mechanical heart he cannot pay for. Sci-fi thriller, with Jude Law and Forest Whitaker.</p> <p>12.15 Film: The Cave. (2005) Horror, starring Morris Chestnut and Lena Headey. 2.00 Verry Terry. (R) 2.25 Mesh: Tourist Trap. (R) 2.30 Mesh: The Wrong Turn. (R) 2.35 Southland. (R) 3.25 Hollywoods. (R) 3.35 Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. (R)</p>	<p>6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 Power Rangers Samurai. (R) 10.35 ThunderCats. (R) 11.00 Inside Hollywood. 11.05 Big Brother: Live Eviction. (R) 12.30 Cowboy Traders. (R) 1.30 CSI: NY. (R) 2.25 CSI: NY. (R) 3.15 Film: Jesse Stone: Death in Paradise. (2006) 5.00 Fat, Sick and Nearly Dead. 7.00 Cricket: The Ashes. England v Australia. Mark Nicholas presents action from day four of the First Test at Trent Bridge, where the second innings was likely to be taking shape ahead of the final day.</p> <p>8.00 NCIS. The team tries to locate a kidnapped girl but has to contend with her grandfather, a former member of a disbanded special forces unit who interferes in the case. (R)</p> <p>9.00 NCIS. The team investigates what at first appears to be a straightforward robbery, until Tony discovers a homeowner lied to police after shooting the intruder. (R)</p> <p>9.50 5 News Weekend. 10.00 Big Brother. Highlights of another 24 hours in the Big Brother house, including coverage of the latest eviction as seen from the point of view of the contestants.</p> <p>11.00 Big Brother's Bit on the Psych. AJ Odudu is joined by a panel of psychologists and celebrity fans to analyse the housemates' behaviour.</p> <p>12.00 SuperCasino. 4.00 Nick's Quest. (R) 4.25 Make It Big. (R) 4.50 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 5.00 Angels of Jarm. (R) 5.10 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.20 Angels of Jarm. (R) 5.25 The Funky Valley Show. (R) 5.40 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 5.50 Hana's Helpline. (R)</p>	<p>BBC Three</p> <p>7.00 UEFA Women's Euro 2013. Finland v Sweden (Kick-off 7.30pm). 9.30 The Script and Dizzee Rascal @ T 10.00 Rihanna and Calvin Harris @ T</p> <p>BBC Four</p> <p>7.00 Heritage! The Battle for Britain's Past 8.00 Nelson's Caribbean Hell-Hole. An Eighteenth Century Navy Graveyard Uncovered 9.00 Wallander: The Man Who Smiled 11.10 Bobby Bland: Two Steps from the Blues</p> <p>ITV2</p> <p>4.55 Film: Star Wars: Episode IV - A New Hope (1977) 7.30 Film: The Mummy (1999) 10.00 Film: I Now Pronounce You Chuck & Larry (2007)</p> <p>ITV3</p> <p>2.45 Film: The Four Musketeers (1974) 4.55 Agatha Christie's Poirot 7.00 Agatha Christie's Marple 9.00 Lewis 11.00 Cold Blood II</p> <p>ITV4</p> <p>2.00 Tour de France 2013 Live. Coverage of stage 14 of the world's most famous cycle race. 4.30 Police, Camera, Action! 5.00 British Superbike Championship Highlights 6.00 The Motorbike Show 7.00 Tour de France 2013 Highlights 8.00 Black Gold 9.00 Hell on Wheels 10.00 Film: Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels (1998)</p> <p>E4</p> <p>5.25 The Mindy Project 6.00 The Big Bang Theory 7.00 How I Met Your Mother 8.00 Happy Endings 8.30 2 Broke Girls 9.00 Film: Beverly Hills Cop III (1994) 11.05 The Inbetweeners</p> <p>Film4</p> <p>3.05 Congo (1995) 5.10 The Iron Giant (1999) 6.50 The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader (2010) 9.00 Source Code (2011) 10.50 Aliens (1986)</p>

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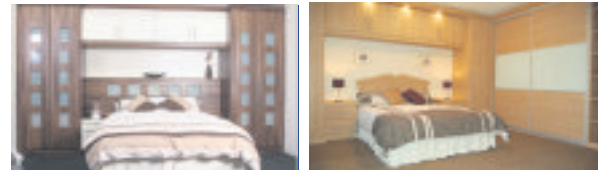
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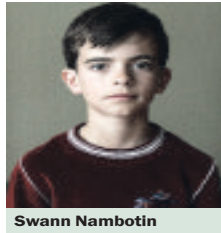
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SUNDAY'S TV 14.07.13

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The Returned
Channel 4, 9pm

What is going on in the small French town? We've seen five episodes so far, and we're none the wiser. Instead, we're intrigued, gripped and, if truth be known, a little bit frustrated; it's time we learned a little bit more about what's going on, if only for our peace of mind. Pierre certainly not to be trusted – after all, he was present when little Victor and his family were slaughtered by burglars. Nevertheless, he remains a trusted member of the community, especially after he calls a meeting of the families affected by the school-bus accident.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Sunday Politics. Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.20** Countryfile. (R) **1.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **3.00** Helicopter Heroes. (R) **3.30** Rhys Jones's Wildlife Patrol. **4.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **5.00** Songs of Praise. **5.35** Earthlight. (R) **6.35** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **7.00** Antiques Roadshow. The team values more decorative objects and rarities at Chatsworth House in Derbyshire, including a painting thought to be by Constable and a set of designs for exotic jewellery. **8.00** Countryfile. Ellie Harrison and Adam Henson visit the Shetlands, where highlights include Viking chess, a dancing pony and a search for one of the UK's rarest birds – the red-necked phalarope. **9.00** The White Queen. Warwick orders Isabel back to England to retain her husband George's loyalty to King Henry VI, while Margaret Beaufort furiously to discover Elizabeth has had a son. **10.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **10.25** Luther. The detective's date is interrupted by news of another murder. (R) **11.25** Live at the Apollo. With Kevin Bridges, Shappi Khorsandi and Jack Whitehall. (R) **11.55** Film: Two for the Money. (2005) Gambling drama, with Al Pacino. **1.50** Weatherview. **1.55** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. **7.00** Film: Every Day's a Holiday. (1965) **8.30** Monty Don's French Gardens. (R) **9.30** The Beechgrove Garden. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. (R) **11.30** Raymond Blanc: How to Cook Well. (R) **12.00** What to Eat Now. (R) **12.30** Live MotoGP. **2.00** Athletics: British Championships. **4.00** Live Challenge Cup Rugby League. **6.30** A Race Against Time: Hilary Lister's Round Britain Dream. **7.30** Wild Cameramen at Work. New series. Five wildlife cameramen reflect on their favourite natural history moments. **8.00** Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May head to Spain to help its struggling economy and create a street circuit. Benedict Cumberbatch drives the Reasonably Priced Car. **9.00** Hunt vs Lauda: F1's Greatest Racing Rivals. The battle for the 1976 world drivers' championship. **10.00** Blackadder the Third. The new prime minister plots to bankrupt the Prince Regent. (R) **10.35** Mock the Week. With Josh Widdicombe, Ed Byrne and Hal Crutenden. (R) **11.05** What a Load of Buzzcocks. Music news stories and highlights of the comedy quiz from 2007. (R) **11.35** Golf: Scottish Open Highlights. Action from the fourth round of this year's tournament. **12.35** Film: Everything. (2004) **2.05** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **3.00** Holby City. (R) **4.00** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Jake and the Neverland Pirates. **6.15** Jake and the Neverland Pirates. **6.25** Poppy Cat. **6.40** Poppy Cat. **6.50** Animals. (R) **7.00** Animals. (R) **7.10** Bookaboo. **7.20** Kick Buttowski – Suburban Daredevil. **7.35** The Avengers: Earth's Mightiest Heroes! **8.00** Sonny with a Chance. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Country House Sunday. **9.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **10.20** Murder: She Wrote. (R) **11.20** ITV News: Weather. **11.25** Film: Columbo: An Exercise in Fatality. (1974) **1.25** Love Your Garden. (R) **2.25** Film: Always. (1989) **4.35** A Touch of Frost. (R) **6.30** Regional Programme; Weather. **6.45** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Tipping Point: Lucky Stars. Jane McDonald, Rosemary Shrager and Louie Spence take part in the quiz show in which contestants answer questions to win turns on an arcade-style machine. Ben Shephard presents. **8.00** All Star Mr & Mrs. With Una Healy of the Saturdays and England rugby union player Ben Foden. TV presenter Yvette Fielding and her husband Karl Beattie, and comedian Eddie Large with his wife Patsy. **9.00** Law & Order: UK. New series. Part one of two. A suicidal man causes a train crash and 15 deaths. **10.00** ITV News; Weather. **10.15** The Talent Show Story. How The X Factor became one of TV's biggest shows. (R) **11.15** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **12.10** The Store. **2.15** Motorsport UK. **3.00** British Superbike Championship Highlights. **3.50** Monk. (R) **4.35** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** FIA GT Series. **7.30** Ironman 2013. **7.55** Rat Race Dirty Weekend. **8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.00** The Simpsons. (R) **1.30** The Simpsons. (R) **2.00** Film: Fame. (2009) **4.05** Deal or No Deal. **5.05** Film: Marley and Me. (2008) Comedy drama, starring Owen Wilson and Jennifer Aniston. **7.20** Channel 4 News. **7.50** Ramadan Diaries. Short films following British Muslims as they observe Ramadan. **7.55** Boudica's Lost Tribe: A Time Team Special. Tony Robinson traces the story of the female warrior, following an excavation in Norfolk that may hold clues to what happened to her tribe, the Iceni, after their defeat. (R) **9.00** The Returned. The town is affected by a power cut, with Pierre forming a community around Camille and Julie finding refuge at Laura's house with Victor, whose body is undergoing a transformation. **10.10** Film: Attack the Block. (2011) A student nurse and a teenage gang band together to fight off alien invaders terrorising a south London tower block. Sci-fi comedy thriller, with Jodie Whittaker. **11.55** Film: Rec 2. (2009) Horror sequel, with Jonathan Mellor, Oscar Sanchez Zafra and Manuela Velasco. **1.25** Film: KM 31. (2006) Horror, starring Ilana Fox. **3.10** Location, Location. (R) **4.05** Countdown. (R) **4.50** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.45** Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Bubble Guppies. **6.35** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.50** Chloe's Closet. **7.00** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.40** City of Friends. (R) **7.50** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.20** Mio Mao. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) **9.30** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.45** Jelly Jam. **10.00** The Mr Men Show. (R) **10.15** Power Rangers Samurai. (R) **10.50** Inside Hollywood. (R) **10.55** Big Brother. (R) **11.50** BRIT: Sylvan's Supersized Celebrity Sunday. **12.55** Film: Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. (1968) **3.45** Film: An American Tail. (1986) **5.15** Film: Charlie's Angels. (2000) Action adventure, starring Drew Barrymore. **7.00** Cricket: The Ashes. England v Australia. **8.00** Once Upon a Time. Emma, Mr Gold and Henry find Baelfire in Manhattan. **8.55** 5 News Weekend. **9.00** Big Brother. Daily round-up of highlights. **10.00** Film: Bangkok Dangerous. (2008) Action thriller remake, with Nicolas Cage. **12.05** Film: Today You Die. (2005) Action thriller, starring Steven Seagal. **1.45** SuperCasino. **3.55** Nick's Quest. (R) **4.20** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.05** Hand's Helpline. (R) **5.15** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.35** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.50** Han's Helpline. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 UEFA Women's Euro 2013
9.30 The Killers @ T. Tonight's headline performance by the Las Vegas-based rockers. **11.00** David Guetta and Labrinth @ T
BBC Four
7.00 Frost on Interviews **8.00** The Review Show **9.00** London: A Tale of Two Cities with Dan Cruickshank **10.00** Grand Prix: The Killer Years **11.00** When Albums Ruled the World
ITV2
2.10 Film: Happy Feet (2006) **4.10** Film: Star Wars: Episode V – The Empire Strikes Back (1980) **6.45** Film: The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (2008) **9.00** Film: Knocked Out (2007) **11.35** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records
ITV3
4.05 Film: Carry On Up the Jungle (1970) **5.55** Wolfie 7.00 Agatha Christie's Poirot **9.00** Film: The Portrait of a Lady (1996) **11.55** Blue Murder
ITV4
1.30 Tour de France 2013 Live. Stage 15 from Givors to Mont Ventoux. **4.30** Police, Camera, Action! **5.00** World's Wildest Police Videos **6.00** BRDC Formula 4 Championship Highlights **7.00** Tour de France 2013 Highlights **8.00** Minder **9.00** Film: Universal Soldier: Regeneration (2009) **11.00** Film: The Killer Inside Me (2010)
E4
4.30 90210 **5.25** The Mindy Project (1970) **5.55** Wolfie 7.00 Agatha Christie's Poirot **9.00** Film: The Portrait of a Lady (1996) **11.55** Blue Murder
Film4
2.55 Horton Hears a Who! (2008) **4.35** Oliver Twist (2005) **7.10** Post Grad (2009) **9.00** Season of the Witch (2011) **10.50** Harsh Times (2005)

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What's On!

Film Choices

MONDAY

Wild Hearts, Channel 5, 3.20pm

A widowed Los Angeles police detective inherits a mustang ranch in Montana. He takes over the running of the place, as well as becoming the local sheriff. Meanwhile, as he and his rebellious daughter struggle with the change in lifestyle, he also has to come to terms with his own troubled past. Drama, starring Richard Thomas and Nancy McKeon. (2006)

TUESDAY

Mystery Woman: Game Time, Channel 5, 3.15pm
Amateur sleuth Samantha Kinsey manages to persuade a reclusive author to attend a book-signing event - but ends up having to solve his murder. A shady video-games designer seen near the body seems the likely culprit, but she is convinced he is innocent. Drama, starring Kellie Martin. (2005)

Dirty Pretty Things, BBC1, 11.35pm

A Nigerian illegal immigrant living in London takes a job at a hotel frequented by drug dealers. When he discovers evidence of a murder, he dares not go to the police about it, and instead embarks on a danger-filled investigation of his own. Stephen Frears' drama, starring Audrey Tautou and Chiwetel Ejiofor. (2002)



Gladiator, Friday, ITV, 10.35pm

WEDNESDAY

Planet of the Apes, Channel 4, 1.05pm

A spaceship crash-lands on a mysterious planet where humans are mute creatures who find themselves at the mercy of intelligent apes. The world's simian rulers are horrified when one of the crew reveals he can speak and plan to have him killed, but two chimpanzee scientists intervene, determined to learn from the new arrival. Sci-fi drama, starring Charlton Heston. (1968)

THURSDAY

Arizona Raiders, Channel 4, 1.25pm

In the aftermath of the American Civil War, two Confederate soldiers are offered a way out of jail. Their former comrades-in-arms are now a gang of bandits terrorising Arizona, and the two prisoners are sent to infiltrate the group and bring them to justice. Western, starring Audie Murphy and Gloria Talbott. (1965)

FRIDAY

Gladiator, ITV, 10.35pm

Roman general Maximus Decimus Meridius is a casualty of a power struggle between the corrupt Emperor Commodus and the senate. Ordered to be put to death along with his family, he escapes his would-be killers and is sold into slavery, only to become a gladiator and seek revenge for the murder of his wife and child. Oscar-winning period epic, with Russell Crowe and Joaquin Phoenix. (2000)

Pick of the Week

Robin feels the baby blues on her home turf

Dark skies, brooding atmosphere, mystery and people in peril... We could be talking about Scandinavian noir, that breed of programmes that has taken British TV by storm over the past four years, or even Channel 4's moody French import, *The Returned*.

But no, we're describing New Zealand's attempt to get in on the broody drama act. Top of the Lake has been co-written and co-directed by acclaimed Kiwi film-maker Jane Campion, whose previous work includes *The Piano* (for which she won a Best Screenplay Oscar, as well as the Palme d'Or), *The Portrait of a Lady* and *Bright Star*.

However, there is an international feel about the production, thanks to the presence in the cast of Americans Elisabeth Moss and Holly Hunter (who's reunited with Campion here for the first time since winning a Best Actress Academy Award for her performance in *The Piano*), Australians David Wenham and Thomas M Wright, and Scotsman Peter Mullan.

Fans of *Mad Men* may receive a jolt when they see Moss dressed

down in the lead role after becoming used to watching her as the immaculately attired secretary-turned-copywriter Peggy Olson. The actress could hardly believe her luck when the script of *Top of the Lake* landed in her lap.

"I've always been a huge fan of Jane Campion, she does such incredible work, so many different kinds of things, but they always have her own sensibility about them," says Moss. "She is the epitome of the actor's director so getting the opportunity to learn from her and be challenged by her has been such an incredible part of this experience."

Moss plays Detective Robin Griffin, a child protection officer, who's recently returned to her home town to nurse her ailing mother.

When pregnant 12-year-old local girl Tui Mitcham is rescued from a frozen lake, it's Robin who's called in to take care of her case. Her investigation uncovers disturbing facts about the locals - not to mention aspects of her own life she'd rather forget.

"Robin is one of those incredible female roles that are really rare where

you have a character who is strong and feminine, who has a lot to do and who has an incredible emotional journey," explains Moss.

"Jane understands the complexities of people, and she obviously has a gift for female characters that have those complexities, showing that they're not always right, they're not always wrong, they're not always beautiful - they're often ugly, they're not always strong but they're incredibly powerful. So for me it's sort of a dream role and it's very different from anything I've ever done."

So, why should we tune in?

"The story becomes Robin's search for herself as she's also diving into her own past that she's been running away from," claims Moss. "It's a detective story, it's a mystery, it has all these elements about it that are sort of tried and true."

"But what makes it different is it's got the Jane Campion touch. So everything is just a lot darker, a lot stranger, a lot more complicated than that."

You've sold it to us Elisabeth - bring on those dark skies!



Elisabeth Moss (centre) stars in *Top of the Lake*, Saturday, BBC2, 9.10pm

Best of the Rest

MONDAY

The Gadget Show Channel 5, 8pm

Boys may love their toys, but who said gadgets have to be just for blokes? Rachel Riley seems to have a fine time working on this series, as she proves in assorted reports featuring Jason Bradbury. They investigate problems surrounding connecting to wi-fi; they also look at the latest routers, and build life-size remote-piloted superheroes modelled on themselves. Meanwhile, ex-Olympic triple jump champion Jonathan Edwards tests cycling computers, and globe-trotting reporter Pollyanna Woodward is off to Hungary where she tries out a one-third scale radio-controlled car. Plus, TGS veteran Jon Bentley will be trying out a range of tablet computers.

Run

Channel 4, 10pm

Nobody does misery quite like Olivia Colman. She's suffered wonderfully in *Broadchurch* and *Tyrannosaur*, but it's her episode of *Accused*, for which she won a Best Actress Bafta earlier this year, that will spring to mind while watching this new drama. Both feature Colman as a mother living on a bleak inner-city estate, and both have her facing issues involving her children. This time, Colman plays Carol, a tough single mother who is struggling to hold her Brixton-based family together. Her depressing situation deteriorates even further when her teenage sons commit a random act of violence that results in the death of a stranger. But just how far will she go to keep her children out of jail?

TUESDAY

Luther BBC1, 9pm

The penultimate offering centres on the murder of two young hoodies shot at close range in what looks like a gangland crime, and another man who dies shortly after. The deceased all had criminal records, so it looks like a new killer with a personal vendetta against all past offenders is on the loose, and only one man can stop him. The trouble is, Luther (Idris Elba) struggles to control the increased public attention when the killer posts a video of himself online, calling for changes to the public justice system. The psychopath is on a mission and he's bound to strike again, but with so many possible victims, who will he target next?

WEDNESDAY

The Apprentice: The Final BBC1, 8pm

It's nine years since this show's first run, and over the years we've seen Tim Campbell, Michelle Dewberry, Simon Ambrose, Lee McQueen, Yasmina Siadatan, Stella English, Tom Pellereau and Ricky Martin (not that one) hear those magic words "You're hired!" Leah Totton, Jordan Poulton, Myles Mordaunt and Luisa Zissman, among others, have been great entertainment value this year. Who will manage to impress Lord Sugar and his team of advisers one final time this series? We haven't got a clue,

but there is one way to find out. As ever, Nick Hewer and Karren Brady will be presiding over the drama as the final challenge is executed.

Maxine Peake: Performance, Protest and Peterloo BBC2, 10pm

At 38 years old, Maxine Peake has a sparkling CV that many actors twice her age would be envious of. So it's little wonder that with Manchester's International Festival now in its final week, the Beeb has decided to focus its attention on the gifted actress, who took on a huge role within it.

The festival has showcased a collection of world-class talent, theatrical premieres and groundbreaking musical performances - and among them was Ms Peake performing in Shelley's *The Masque of Anarchy*. Miranda Sawyer meets up with Maxine to discuss the poem.

THURSDAY

Live Golf: The Open Championship BBC2, 9am

The world's finest golfers congregated at Muirfield in Gullane, East Lothian, for the opening day of what is one of the most prestigious events on the

sport's calendar. Last year's tournament threw up its fair share of drama as Australian Adam Scott saw his form collapse at the end of the final round, allowing South African veteran Ernie Els to creep up the leaderboard and deny him his first Major title by a single stroke. Scott has since got that monkey off his back by tasting glory at this year's Masters, but Els will be feeling confident of retaining his trophy having won The Open on this course back in 2002.

The Briefs

ITV, 9pm

This intriguing series returns with another two-parter to give us an insight into British justice from the perspective of the defence. First up at Tuckers Solicitors in Manchester, we meet serial offender Kyle, accused of taking part in a violent street brawl, and of a house burglary - but he's no stranger to the legal advisors at the firm. In fact, they're representing him for the 34th time. Meanwhile, Alex faces a charge of causing criminal damage by scratching a car, a break from the norm for him, as he usually robs businesses.

FRIDAY

Coronation Street ITV, 7.30pm

Rob and Tracy going into business together could be a recipe for disaster. After all, they're both ex cons, which is fine if they've learned their lessons, but given the recent silk theft from Underworld it seems they haven't. Little wonder Carla and Michelle are amazed by the news, and Peter should also worry because when Rob places £500 on an accumulator, he stands to lose around £35,000.



The Apprentice: The Final, Wednesday, BBC1, 8pm

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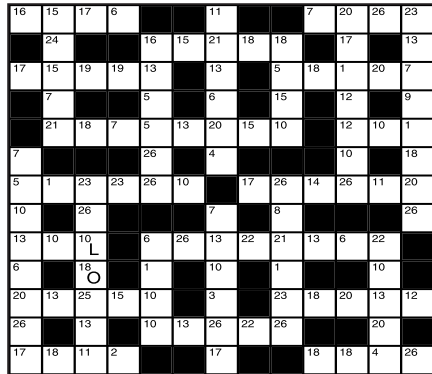
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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

V	L	E	Y	C	F	D	R	M	I	Q	O	K
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Double Crossword

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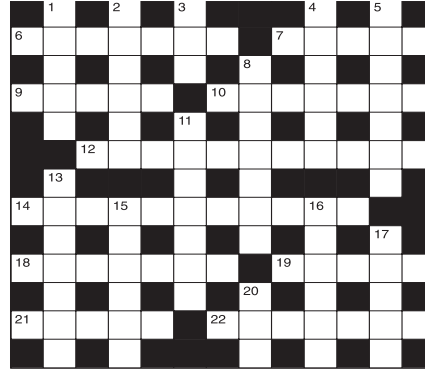
Cryptic Clues:

Across

6. Direct way for joining the buzzer to a telephone connection (3-4)
- 7 & 22Ac. Wool-gatherer (5-7)
9. Luggage carried by elephant (5)
10. Boarding-house that provides for one who has retired (7)
12. Supplying more men to check coercion (11)
14. The writer is about to restrict the powers that be (11)
18. Not in agreement with anti-gas disturbance (7)
19. Describing the sort of discipline that comes from a master nowadays? (5)
21. Broadcaster (5)
22. See 7 Across

Down

1. See 3 Down
2. A member of the fair sex (6)
- 3 & 1Dn. The insect tolerates the aard-varks (3-5)
4. Singular version of natural science that provides a remedy (6)
5. Tell what happens at a close election (7)
8. Arranges expatriation of French near the dock areas (7)
11. Dismantle? (7)
13. The lad is about to encourage the operator (7)
15. Welcomed and provided with a cold shower? (6)
16. Additional changes for special editions (6)
17. Had an irritating effect - brought before the court (5)
20. Pitch reserved (3)



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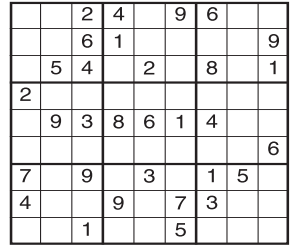
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6. Propriety (7)
7. Rush out suddenly (5)
9. Call for (5)
10. Refined (7)
12. Mix together (11)
14. Intelligence (11)
18. Flagrant (7)
19. Perfect (5)
21. Concur (5)
22. Qualified (7)

Down

1. Answer (5)
2. Idea (6)
3. Purchase (3)
4. Slang (6)
5. Expressionlessly (7)
8. A region's weather (7)
11. Abundant (7)
13. Likeness in certain respects (7)
15. Vent (6)
16. Severe trial (6)
17. Match (5)
20. Pale (3)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

5	1	7	4	8	2	9	6	3
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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Reductions; 7 Ionic; 8 Lighten; 10 Sweeping; 11 Fort; 13 Casket; 15 Ticker; 17 Iran; 18 Optional; 21 Notable; 22 Irons; 23 Pestilence. Down: 1 Range; 2 Decipher; 3 Colony; 4 Iago; 5 Network; 6 Dissection; 9 Naturalist; 12 Division; 14 Seattle; 16 Appeal; 19 Noose; 20 Abet. QUICK - Across: 1 Preference; 7 Eject; 8 Plainer; 10 Exterior; 11 Less; 13 Tussock; 15 Portal; 17 Beer; 18 Prospect; 21 Express; 22 Bravo; 23 Despondent. Down: 1 Pleat; 2 Entirely; 3 Employ; 4 Elan; 5 Consent; 6 Detestable; 9 Resolution; 12 Possible; 14 Steeple; 16 Prison; 19 Exact; 20 Deep.

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The property in Lombardy Gardens benefits from a detached garage, driveway and front and rear gardens with accommodation briefly comprising of two bedrooms, lounge, kitchen diner and bathroom.

On the ground floor the lounge, 14ft 4in by 13ft 7in, has a gas fireplace with marble effect hearth while the kitchen diner measuring 14ft 4in by 8ft 10in has wall and base

cupboards, roll top work surfaces, sink drainer with mixer tap, pantry cupboard, plumbing for washing machine, space for fridge freezer and space for cooker with extractor fan over.

On the first floor are two bedrooms with a bathroom with panel bath with shower over, WC and wash hand basin.

Outside to the front is a driveway to a detached garage and lawned garden, and to the rear a lawn with patio area.

Call Dixons on 01902 634497 for more details.



The delightful rear garden includes patio, raised beds and a lawn area



Refitted to a high standard is the cream kitchen with central island unit

Retained features at a restored Victorian semi

INTERNAL viewing is recommended at this Victorian semi-detached house which has been delightfully appointed by the present owners and maintains many of its original features.

The property in Lichfield Road, Bloxwich, is within a short distance of the town centre with recreation facilities of King George playing fields and Bloxwich Golf Club also close by.

On the ground floor the enclosed porch has a Minton tiled floor, as does the entrance hall, while the lounge - 13ft 9in by 11ft 8in - has a feature brick fireplace with quarry tiled hearth and fitted gas fire.

The sitting/dining room, 11ft 9in by 12ft 5in, has a feature pine fireplace with cast iron open grate and tiled hearth and there is also a butler's pantry and refitted kitchen measuring 18ft by 9ft 10in and with an inset sink with limestone drainer, range of units, limestone work

surfaces, central island, display cabinets, gas fired range cooker with six gas rings, two electric ovens and grill.

There is also a WC and utility area with stainless steel sink drainer with mixer tap, base and wall units and plumbing for automatic washing machine.

On the first floor the master bedroom has an en suite with shower cubicle, vanity unit and WC and there are two more bedrooms and a bathroom with panelled bath with shower attachment over, pedestal wash hand basin and WC.

Parking

Outside to the front the house is set back from the road behind a wall with off street parking for a number of cars, with the rear garden having paved patio area, raised flower beds, further patio area with timber shed, lawn, mature trees and shrubs.

Offers in the region of £234,950 are invited for this property.

Call Edwards Moore on 01922 615222.



The semi in Lichfield Road, is on the market with agent Edwards Moore

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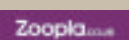


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- Three Bedrooms • Bathroom • Energy Rating 'F'
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- Gas Central Heating System • Double Glazing

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NO CHAIN

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- Three Bedrooms • Bathroom • Energy Rating TBC
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- Garage • Driveway • Rear Gardens

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REDUCED

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- WC/utility • Bathroom • ENERGY RATING 'C'
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OFFERS ABOVE £115,000

NO CHAIN

**BEACON ESTATE
MOORE ROAD**

- Well Appointed Traditional Style Semi Detached • NO Chain
- Lounge • Impressive Re-Fitted Dining Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms • Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Gas CH System • Double Glazing
- Driveway & Rear gardens • Energy Rating 'D'

£115,000

REDUCED

**NEW INVENTION
MOXHILL CLOSE**

- Well presented and terraced property
- Three bedrooms
- Lounge • Spacious dining kitchen
- Gas CH • Double glaz
- Bathroom • Rear garden • Energy Rating 'D'

£114,950

NO CHAIN

**BENTLEY
WREXHAM AVENUE**

- Extended Traditional Style Semi Detached • No Chain
- Energy E • Two Reception
- Fitted Kitchen • 3 Bedrooms
- Gas CH • Double Glazing
- Gardens • Garage, Driveway

£100,000

NO CHAIN

**WILLENHALL
PARK AVENUE**

- Mid Terrace Property • No Chain
- Lounge • Fitted Kitchen • Ground Floor Bathroom
- Three Bedrooms • Energy rating 'D'
- Off Road Parking • Large Rear Gardens
- Double Glazing • Gas Central Heating

Offers In Excess Of £70,000

NO CHAIN

**WILLENHALL
SQUIRES GROVE**

- Modern Coach House apartment
- Lounge, Dining Area • Energy 'C' • Fitted Kitchen
- Two excellent size bedrooms • Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating • Double Glazing
- Gym/office/converted garage • Parking

£105,000 NO CHAIN

NO CHAIN

**BENTLEY
EWART ROAD**

- Well Appointed Traditional Style Semi Detached • No Chain
- Spacious Lounge • Dining Room • ENERGY RATING 'C'
- Fitted Kitchen • Utility • Downstairs WC
- Two Double Bedrooms • Bathroom • Pleasant Gardens
- Gas CH • Majority Double Glazing • Off Road Parking

OFFERS OVER £99,950

NO CHAIN

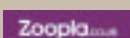
**WILLENHALL
VICTORIA STREET**

- Improved Modern Style Semi Detached • No Chain
- Two Double Bedrooms • Bathroom
- Spacious Lounge • Fitted Kitchen
- Double Glazing • Gas Central Heating System
- Driveway • Rear Gardens • Energy Rating 'E'

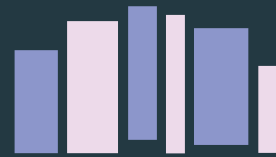
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- A modern 4 bed detached property
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- Upstairs family bathroom
- Master En-Suite
- Driveway and Garage, EPC rating C

NEW £575 pcm

Follyhouse Lane

- A Re-furnished 3 bed semi
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Downstairs bathroom with shower
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Driveway EPC rating D

NEW £500 pcm

Jesson Court

- A 2 bed ground floor apartment
- 1 spacious living room
- Brand new fitted kitchen with cooker
- Family bathroom with electric shower
- Garage and parking space
- Fully Re-furnished EPC rating D

NEW £450 pcm

Highgate Avenue

- A Stylish 1st floor apartment
- Modern fitted kitchen/Utility
- Spacious lounge area
- Luxury bathroom with separate WC
- 3 Double bedrooms
- GCH Throughout EPC rating D

NEW £450 pcm

Lord Street, Palfrey

- A re-decorated 2 double bed end terrace
- 2 Spacious reception rooms
- A modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Upstairs family bathroom with shower
- Gas central heating and Double glazing
- DSS accepted EPC rating E

NEW £450 pcm

Cannon Street

- A re-decorated 2 bed mid terrace
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Upstairs bathroom with shower cubicle
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- DSS accepted EPC rating E

NEW £450 pcm

Weston Street

- A re-decorated 2 bed mid terrace
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- Modern fitted kitchen
- Downstairs family bathroom
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- DSS accepted

NEW £375 pcm

Field Road

- A 1 bed 1st floor apartment
- 1 spacious reception room
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Family bathroom with white suite
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- DSS accepted EPC rating D

NEW £375 pcm

Parker Street

- A re-furnished 1 bed 1st floor apartment
- 1 spacious reception room
- Modern fitted kitchen
- Good size family bathroom
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- DSS accepted EPC rating G

NEW £350 pcm

Sheridan Street

- A well maintained 1 bedroom apartment
- A superb reception area
- Spacious modern fitted kitchen
- Pleasant family bathroom
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Rear garden, Dss Accepted

NEW £325 pcm

Ablewell Street, Walsall

- A 2nd floor apartment
- 1 bedrooms divided by opening doors
- 1 spacious lounge
- Pleasant family bathroom
- Modern fitted kitchen
- Single glazed and gas central heating

NEW £595 pcm

Slaney Road

- A modernised 4 bed mid terrace
- Through lounge and rear reception
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Downstairs family bathroom
- Gas Central heating throughout
- DSS accepted EPC rating D

£525 pcm

Loriners Grove

- A modern 2 bed 1st floor apartment
- 1 spacious reception room
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Pleasant family bathroom
- Master En-Suite shower room
- Secured allocated parking EPC rating B

£525 pcm

Booth Road

- A well presented 3 bed semi detached
- 1 spacious reception room
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Upstairs family bathroom
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Conservatory EPC rating D

£500 pcm

Broadstone Avenue

- A modernised 2 bed ground floor flat
- A good size reception room
- New fitted kitchen with cooker/hob
- A pleasant bathroom with shower
- Gas central heating and Double glazing
- Dss accepted, EPC rating C

£495 pcm

Beacon Street

- A re-decorated 3 bed end terrace
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Downstairs bathroom with shower
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- DSS accepted EPC rating E

£495 pcm

Darlaston Road

- An excellent 3 bed end terrace
- A spacious lounge
- Large modern kitchen diner with cooker
- Gas central heating and Double glazing
- Shared garden, comes part furnished
- EPC rating E

£495 pcm

Dora Street

- A traditional 3 bed mid terrace property
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Downstairs family bathroom
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- DSS accepted

£475 pcm

Weston Street

- A 3 re-decorated 2 bed mid terrace
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- Downstairs family bathroom
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- DSS accepted rent in arrears for HB
- EPC rating D

£475 pcm

Terret Close

- A modern 2 bed ground floor apartment
- Open planned lounge / kitchen
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Pleasant family bathroom
- Master En-Suite shower room
- EPC rating C

£450 pcm

West Street

- A fully refurbished 2bed mid terrace
- 2 Spacious reception rooms
- A good size modern fitted kitchen
- Gas central heating and Double glazing
- Enclosed rear garden and Dss accepted
- EPC rating E

£450 pcm

Camberley Mews

- A modern 2 bed ground floor apartment
- Spacious living room
- Modern fitted kitchen with integral appliances
- Pleasant family bathroom
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Parking space EPC rating B

£450 pcm

Waterfront Way

- A modern 2 bed ground floor apartment
- 1 Spacious reception room
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Family bathroom with shower
- Double Glazing throughout
- Secure allocated parking EPC rating C

£450 pcm

Redhouse Street

- A superb 2 bed mid terrace property
- 1 Spacious reception rooms
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Downstairs family bathroom with shower
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- DSS accepted EPC rating C

£400 pcm

Bradford Street

- A re-decorated 2 bed 1st floor apartment
- 1 spacious living room
- Modern fitted kitchen with cooker
- Family bathroom with shower over bath
- Gas Central Heating throughout
- DSS accepted EPC rating D

£400 pcm

Hereford Street

- A traditional 2 bed mid terrace
- 2 spacious reception rooms
- Fitted kitchen and side utility
- Downstairs family bathroom
- Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing
- DSS accepted, EPC rating E

£395 pcm

Tudor House

- 1 Bed first floor apartment
- Town centre location
- Spacious lounge
- Modern fitted kitchen
- Modern bathroom
- Dss accepted EPC rating C

£325pcm

Bradford Street

- A refurbished studio apartment
- A spacious lounge/bedroom area
- Brand new fitted kitchen with cooker
- Modern bathroom with shower
- Gas central heating and Double glazing
- Town centre location

£320 pcm

Thomas Mews

- 1 bedroom ground floor apartment
- One spacious living room
- Modern fitted kitchen
- Family bathroom with white suite
- Gas central heating throughout
- Town centre location, EPC rating E

£300 pcm

Church Street, Darlaston

- A splendid 2nd floor studio apartment
- 2 spacious living area
- Modern fitted kitchen with appliances
- Gas central heating throughout
- Fully re-furnished, DSS accepted
- EPC rating C

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LOT 1 Forest Avenue Walsall

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This traditionally styled semi detached property is in need of some improvement, whilst at the same time offering an ideal opportunity for a first time buyer or investor. Spacious well planned living accommodation comprises: Enclosed Porch, Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Extended Breakfast Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Separate W.C., Garage, Fore and Rear Gardens. EPC Rating E

GUIDE PRICE £60,000 - £80,000

LOT 2 Butts Road Walsall

Viewing: 13th July at 12.00 pm & 18th July at 10.30 am



A spacious gas centrally heated first floor flat above shops in this convenient location in need of refurbishment. The property comprises: Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Separate W.C. EPC Rating D

GUIDE PRICE £35,000 - £40,000

LOT 3 Birchills Street Walsall

Viewing: 13th July at 1.00 pm & 18th July at 11.30 am



Detached building extended at ground floor level to both sides, currently separated as Four units but lending itself to variable uses subject to necessary Planning Consent. Unit 1 - 3 Rooms and a Shower Room. Unit 2 - Room plus additional space, Shower Room, Door to Rear Lobby, Additional Room. First Floor Unit - Room opening into Room, Shower Room. Unit 4 - Room and W.C.

GUIDE PRICE £60,000 - £70,000

LOT 4 Burnside Gardens Walsall

Viewing: 13 & 19th July at 11.15 am



This mid terraced residence is situated in a prime residential area and offers an ideal opportunity for a first time buyer or investor. The well planned accommodation which is part double glazed comprises of the following: Reception Hall, Guest W.C., Lounge, Kitchen, Rear Verandah, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Fore and Rear Gardens & Garage in separate block. EPC Rating D

Guide Price £100,000 - £120,000

LOT 5 Hill Street Hednesford

Viewing: Open Viewing 13th July 12 pm - 2 pm



Traditionally styled extended gas centrally heated and double glazed semi detached property ideal for a first time buyer or an investor. Internal viewing is recommended to appreciate the well planned and presented living accommodation as follows: Reception Hall, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen, Utility/Playroom, Shower Room, Three Bedrooms, Fore & Rear Gardens, Brick Workshop. EPC Rating E

GUIDE PRICE £85,000 - £95,000

LOT 6 Hazel Avenue Evesham

Viewing: 13th & 19th July at 10.00 am



A two bedroom detached bungalow in a popular residential area comprising: Entrance Hall, Sitting Room/Dining Room, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Fore and Rear Gardens. EPC Rating C

GUIDE PRICE £125,000 - £135,000

LOT 8 Castle Square Weoley Castle, Birmingham

Viewing: Strictly by appointment



Offering an ideal investment opportunity this Freehold semi detached property comprises an opticians practice and whole generating an income of £23,400.00 per annum. Opticians Practice: Consisting of Display Area/Reception with a frontage of 9.3m and a maximum depth of 3.71m, Consulting Room, Store Room and W.C. Currently subject to a new 5 year lease to Mr C Abbas of Hills Opticians commencing July 2012 for 5 years at a rent of £1400.00 per calendar month. Benefiting from double glazing and central heating and comprising: Ground Floor: Reception Hall, Lounge, Conservatory, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Separate W.C., Yard and Garage. Currently let on an Assured Shorthold Tenancy at £550.00 per calendar month

Guide Price £200,000 - £230,000

LOT 9 Lysways Street Walsall

Viewing: Strictly by appointment



Situated in a popular residential location close to Walsall Town Centre this ground floor flat offers gas centrally heated and double glazed accommodation. The current vendor is prepared to stay on as a tenant and sign a 6 month Assured Shorthold Contract at a rental of £425.00 PCM. The accommodation comprises: Communal Hallway, Lounge, Kitchen, Bedroom, Bathroom. EPC Rating D

GUIDE PRICE £40,000 - £45,000

LOT 10 Sun Street Walsall

Viewing: 13th July at 12.30 pm & 18th July at 11.00 am



A unique opportunity to purchase a three storey detached family home set in its own private grounds, boasting full gas fired central heating and uPVC double glazing. The property comprises: Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, L-Shaped Bedroom, En-Suite Bathroom, Garage, Workshop, Fore and Rear Gardens. EPC Rating E

GUIDE PRICE £130,000 - £150,000

LOT 11 Main Street Stonnall

Viewing: 13th & 19th July at 10.00 am



This Grade II listed building is set on approximately third of an acre in a desirable location in the village of Stonnall. With double glazing and gas fired central heating, the property does however need further improvement but offers a unique opportunity to a discerning purchaser. The property comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Hallway, Kitchen, Utility Room, Two Bedrooms, Additional Room, Bathroom, Driveway, Fore and Rear Gardens. EPC Rating F

GUIDE PRICE £225,000 - £250,000

LOT 11A Sherbourne Road Acocks Green, Birmingham

Viewing: 13th July at 2.30 pm & 18th July at 2.00 pm



Situated close to Acocks Green Village centre and within a minute walk of the Railway Station, this imposing Victorian semi detached residence is in need of full modernisation. Lending itself to a number of uses for owner occupation or conversion, subject to Planning Approval, the property comprises: Enclosed Porch, Reception Hall, Living Room, Dining Room, Lounge, Breakfast Room, Kitchen, Four First Floor Bedrooms, Box Room, Bathroom, Two Second Floor Bedrooms, Fore & Rear Gardens. EPC Rating G

Guide Price £130,000 - £150,000

LOT 12 Birmingham Road Walsall

Viewing: 13th & 19th July at 10.45 am



A substantial traditionally styled detached family residence with many of its original features, offering tremendous scope for improvement and modernisation set on a good size plot with rear vehicular access to garage via private drive. The property comprises: Entrance Hall, Dining Room, Lounge, Kitchen, Rear Lobby to outbuildings, Three Bedrooms, Box Room, Bathroom, Garage, Fore & Rear Gardens. EPC Rating E

Guide Price £200,000 - £220,000

LOT 13 Bosty Lane Aldridge

Viewing: Strictly by appointment



Traditionally styled semi detached property that has undergone considerable improvement and modernisation together with ground floor extensions and offers well planned living accommodation with the benefit of gas fired central heating and uPVC double glazing. Situated in a popular location, the property comprises: Fully Enclosed Porch leads to Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Area, Open Plan Kitchen, Lobby, Under stair Cupboard and Shower Room, Landing, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Raised Lawned Fore Garden, Enclosed Rear Garden, Detached Garage.

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● Two Bedroom First Floor Apartment
● Open Plan Lounge
● Fitted Kitchen with Appliances
● Master Bedroom with En-Suite
● Bathroom ● Allocated
£550 PCM



**Bloxwich
Wolverhampton Road**
● Two Bedroom Terrace
● Two Reception Rooms
● Fitted Kitchen/Diner ● Bathroom
● Central Heating ● Part Double Glazing
● Large Rear Garden ● Sorry No DHSS
£525 PCM



**Leamore
Eagleworks Drive**
● Two Bedroom Apartment
● Fully Furnished ● Lounge ● Fitted Kitchen
● Bedroom with En-Suite Shower Room
● Bathroom ● D.Glazing & Gas Heating
● Sorry No DHSS, Pets or Smokers.
£525 PCM



**Bloxwich
Stuart Street**
● Three Bedroom End-Terrace
● Two Reception Rooms
● Kitchen ● Bathroom ● Separate W.C.
● Front & Rear Gardens ● Central Heating
● DHSS Accepted, No Pets or Smokers
£500 PCM



**Bloxwich
Tintern Way**
● Three Bedroom Mid-Terrace
● Two Reception Rooms
● Kitchen ● Family Bathroom
● Rear Garden & Off Road Parking
● Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating
£500 PCM



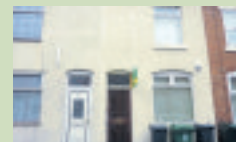
**Walsall
Manorhouse Close**
● Two Bed Apartment
● Lounge ● Fitted Kitchen ● Bathroom
● Double Glazing ● Heating
● Allocated Parking
● Sorry No DHSS, Pets or Smokers
£495 PCM



**Walsall
Waterfront Way**
● Two Bedroom Apartment
● Lounge ● Kitchen
● Bathroom with Shower
● Secure Allocated Parking
● Sorry no DHSS
£495 PCM



**Walsall
Lord Street**
● Three Bedroom Semi Detached
● Lounge/Dining Room ● Kitchen
● Family Bathroom
● Front and Rear Gardens
● DHSS ACCEPTED
£495 PCM



**Bloxwich
Green Lane**
● Two Bedroom Mid-Terrace
● Two Reception Rooms
● Brand New Kitchen ● New Bathroom
● Rear Garden ● DHSS Accepted
● Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
£475 PCM



**Bloxwich
Somerfield Road**
● Three Bedroom Terrace
● Lounge ● Kitchen ● Downstairs W.C.
● Bathroom with separate shower cubicle
● Part Double Glazing ● Gas Central Heating
● Gardens ● O.R. Parking ● DHSS Accepted
£475 PCM



**Walsall
West Bromwich Road**
● Three Bedroom Mid-Terrace
● Open Plan Lounge/Diner
● Kitchen ● Ground Floor Bathroom
● Gardens ● Gas Central Heating
● Sorry No DHSS
£460 PCM



**Walsall
Guild Court**
● Two Bedroom Apartments
● Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen
● Family Bathroom with Shower
● Gas Central Heating
● Double Glazing
From £450 PCM



**Bloxwich
Rockingham Close**
● Two Bedroom Flats
● Communal Entrance
● Hallway ● Lounge ● Kitchen
● Allocated Parking in Courtyard
● Bathroom ● DHSS Accepted
£450 PCM



**Bloxwich
West Street**
● Two Bedroom Mid-Terrace
● Through Lounge ● Open Plan Staircase
● Fitted Kitchen ● Family Bathroom
● Gas Central Heating ● Majority D.Glazing
● Rear Garden ● DHSS Accepted
£450 PCM



**Walsall
Canute Close**
● Two Bedroom Ground Floor Apartment
● Large Lounge ● Kitchen ● Bathroom with Shower
● Double Glazing & Electric Heating
● Communal Grounds & Allocated Off
£450 PCM



**Walsall
Appledore Court**
● Two Bedroom First Floor Flat
● C.Heating & D.Glazing
● Parking to Rear ● Through Lounge/Diner
● Kitchen ● Bathroom
● Sorry No DHSS, Pets or Smokers
£450 PCM



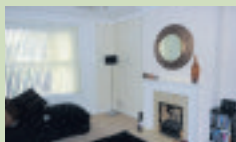
**Walsall
Lichfield Road**
● Two Bedroom 2nd Floor Flat
● Entrance Hallway ● Lounge
● Fitted Kitchen ● Family Bathroom
● Electric Storage Heating
● Double Glazing ● Sorry No DHSS, Pets or
£450 PCM



**Walsall
Deermead Court**
● Two Bedroom Ground Floor Apartment
● Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen
● En-Suite Shower Room ● Bathroom
● Gas Central Heating ● Double Glazing
● Allocated Parking ● Sorry No DHSS
£440 PCM



**Walsall
Tanners Court**
● One & Two Bed Apartment
● Lounge ● Fitted kitchen
● Security entrance
● Allocated parking
● Sorry NO DHSS
£425 PCM



**Bloxwich
Park Road**
● One & Two Bedroom Apartment
● Lounge ● Fitted Kitchen
● Bedroom ● Bathroom
● Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating
● Secure Entrance
£425 PCM



**Bloxwich
Marton Court**
● One & Two Bed Apartments
● Fitted Kitchen ● Lounge ● Bathroom
● Double glazing
● Electric Heating
● DHSS Accepted
From £400 PCM



**Walsall
Bloxwich Road**
● Two Bedroom Flat
● Lounge ● Kitchen
● Off Road Parking
● Gas Central Heating
● DHSS Accepted
£400 PCM



**Bloxwich
Foster Street**
● Two Bedroom Terrace
● Two Reception Rooms ● Bathroom
● Gas Central Heating ● Double Glazing
● Rear Garden ● DHSS Accepted
● 1/2 A MONTH RENT FREE
£400 PCM



**Walsall
Tudor House**
● One Bedroom Apartment
● Lounge ● Bathroom
● Fitted kitchen with appliances
● Double glazing
● Central heating ● Sorry No DHSS
£375 PCM



**Bloxwich
Harrison Street**
● Two Bedroom Flat
● Lounge ● Fitted Kitchen
● Double Glazing
● Electric heating
● DHSS Accepted
£375 PCM



**Walsall
Ida Road**
● Three Bedroom Terrace
● Two Reception Rooms
● Fitted Kitchen ● Bathroom
● Gas Heating ● Double Glazing
● DHSS Accepted
£375 PCM



**Bloxwich
Field Road**
● One Bedroom Flat
● Kitchen ● Bathroom
● Central Heating
● Double Glazing
● Sorry No DHSS
£375 PCM



**Walsall
Hillary Street**
● Ground Floor Two Bedroom Flat
● Lounge ● Fitted Kitchen
● Family Bathroom
● DHSS Accepted
● Council Tax Band: band A
£375 PCM



**Bloxwich
Parker Street**
● One Bedroom Flats
● Lounge ● Fitted Kitchen
● Bathroom
● Central Heating
● DHSS Accepted
£370 PCM



**Walsall
Thornbury Road**
● One & Two Bedroom Apartments
● Lounge ● Fitted kitchen
● Bathroom ● Electric Heating
● Double Glazing
● Allocated Parking ● Sorry No DHSS
From £370PCM



**Bloxwich
Barracks Lane**
● One Bedroom Flat
● Kitchen ● Bathroom
● Double Glazing
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**Walsall
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● Three Bedroom Detached Bungalow
● Large Open Plan Living Area
● Kitchen ● Shower Room ● Front Garden
● Utility Room ● Garage & Parking
● Large Rear Garden with Patio Area

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**Shelfield
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● Four Double Bedrooms
● Two En-Suites ● Conservatory
● Guest W.C. ● Loft Room ● Garage
● Clay Block paved Driveway & Patio Area
● Family Bathroom ● Close to Shelfield

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**Bloxwich
Sanstone Close**
● Four Bedroom Detached Bungalow
● Sitting/Dining Room ● Family Room
● Fitted Kitchen ● En-Suite Shower
● Family Bathroom ● Rear Garden
● D.Glazing & Gas Heating ● Parking

In the Region of £220,000



**Bloxwich
Wolverhampton Road**
● Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
● Re-Furnished ● 3 Reception Rooms
● Fitted Kitchen ● Utility ● Guest W.C.
● Master Bed with En-Suite Shower Room
● Family Bathroom ● Front & Rear Gardens

In the Region of £175,000



**Bloxwich
Lydford Road**
● Well Presented Semi Detached Property
● Lounge/Diner ● Kitchen ● Bathroom
● Downstairs Bedroom & Shower Room
● Central Heating and D.Glazing
● Off Road Parking ● Rear Garden

Offers in excess of £170,000



**Bloxwich
Millfield Avenue**
● Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
● Two Reception Rooms ● Fitted Kitchen
● Ground Floor Wet Room ● Family
Bathroom
● Gardens ● Parking & Garage

In the Region of £164,950



**Willenhall
Crab Lane**
● Three Bedroom Link-Detached
● Open Plan Through Lounge/Dining
Room
● Fitted Kitchen ● Front & Rear Gardens
● Shower Room ● Large Driveway with

£164,950



**Bloxwich
Wolverhampton Road**
● Four Bedroom Detached
● Large Lounge ● Breakfast Kitchen
● Dining Room ● Rear Lobby/Utility
● Family Bathroom with Walk-In Shower
● Gardens ● Integral Garage & Driveway

Offers in excess of £155,000



**Walsall
New Forest Road**
● Three Bedroom Detached
● Lounge ● Open Plan Kitchen/Diner
● Conservatory ● Family Bathroom
● En-Suite Shower Room ● Off Road
Parking

Offers in excess of £155,000



**Bloxwich
Astbury Close**
● Extended Three Bedroom End-Terrace
● Large Lounge ● Extended Kitchen/Diner
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● En-Suite Shower Room
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BUILDING on the successful formula of space, refinement and generous levels of standard equipment, Skoda's latest generation Superb packs all the familiar qualities that's already convinced so many to sign on the dotted line.

Improvements to the Superb might not be immediately obvious, however Skoda has focused on the things that matter: cleaning up the engine range, sharpening up the car's looks to mirror that of the Rapid and latest Octavia, and adding some welcome extra kit.

Sculptured
Although the cosmetic changes are subtle, out has gone the slightly generic Skoda design, replaced by a more sculptured look fore and aft.

Inside the car's cabin it is largely business as usual. Detailed trim and material changes have done a good job of ensuring the Superb's cabin remains a plush environment for all occupants, though.

As before, this Superb's main selling point is its cabin space. Extended in all the right areas, front seat occupants are made to feel special while those in the rear can stretch out thanks to the generous amount of legroom offered. In the influential premium saloon class, rear space is important. You may be transporting clients or paying customers - either way, the Superb's extra inches do much to create an appealing executive ambience. And that's before you consider the car's voluminous boot - seats up or down.

You won't be paying executive prices for the Superb, though. As with the previous generation car, the sums involved are modest for something of this size and opulence. And Skoda is hoping that its generosity in the equipment department will prompt buyers to place the Superb high on their shopping lists, especially as similarly priced rivals offer less space and kit for similar money.

Generous

With four models to choose from (S, SE, Elegance and top-spec), the act of making a choice is no longer a simple one as there's a generous spread of standard kit even on the lower-spec models now.

Furthermore, this ensures the car remains competitive in the crowded company car market when value for money is a key driving force in purchasing decisions.

With alloy wheels, air conditioning, Bluetooth, electric windows and mirrors, chilled glovebox and seven airbags forming part of the Superb's core standard kit list, even the entry-level S model is hard to ignore.

SE models gain larger alloy wheels, a touchscreen audio screen and a greater choice of audio inputs, rear parking sensors plus a host of detailed interior and exterior trim accents.

The move up to Elegance sees a big uplift in specification, with xenon headlights, bigger (again) alloy wheels, touchscreen navigation, heated and powered front seats, leather upholstery and a heated windscreen.

Skoda's traditional flagship Laurent & Klement model adds front parking sensors, more

leather, heated rear seats, an upgraded audio unit, TV tuner, privacy glass and gloss black cabin trim.

Skoda's generosity also extends to its engine range, greater efficiencies should mean you pay less at the pumps and to the taxman.

Some models benefit from cuts to CO2 emissions as high as 19 per cent, while Skoda boasts that every model delivers more miles per gallon and emits less at the tailpipe.

Buyers can choose from three petrol and three diesel engines, plus manual and DSG gearboxes depending on the particular model. Unusually in this sector there's also the option of all-wheel drive on selected variants, which will no doubt add a welcome all-weather dimension to the Superb for some buyers.

With diesel power the mainstay of the range, the choice ranges from a 1.6-litre 105 horsepower unit to a 2.0-litre unit in 140 and 170 horsepower guise.

Petrol fans can choose between 1.4 and 1.8-litre units offering 125hp and 160hp respectively, plus a 3.6-litre V6 producing 260hp. Overall performance is, as you'd expect, biased towards refinement and comfort. The big Superb surprises with its agility yet there's no escaping the fact that it's built primarily to cosset its occupants.

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For those planning their travels around the country this summer, the Zafira Tourer BiTurbo will come as a welcome addition to the line-up.

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Long-time football chairman dies at 71

THE chairman of Birmingham County Football Association has died.

Roger Wood, aged 71, was the leader of the BCFA for 22 years, he died on July 1.

Mr Wood, also an FA council member, was a hugely popular figure in the game and his dedication to his role of Birmingham County FA Chairman was second to none. He leaves behind his wife Gill.

He was described as a real advocate of grassroots football and always looking for ways to push the game forward.

Mike Pennick, Chief Executive at BCFA said: "Roger has been the heartbeat of this County FA for 22 years and a constant source of support and guidance for us all."

"He truly will be missed by everyone involved in football."

His funeral will take place on Thursday July 18 at 2.15pm at Perry Barr Crematorium, Walsall Road, Perry Barr, Birmingham, B42 2LR with a reception afterwards at the Conservative Club, Newton Road, Great Barr, Birmingham, B42 6BN. Flowers can be sent to the Co-operative Funeral Directors on 606 Walsall Road, B42 1EZ.

Open hope slips away for golfers

A PAIR of West Midlands golfers narrowly missed out on reaching The Open Championship at Muirfield.

Wolverhampton veteran Peter Baker and Walsall youngster Freddie Sheridan-Mills both came up short in final local qualifying at North Berwick in Scotland this week.

Former Ryder Cup vice-captain Baker, now director of golf at South Staffordshire Golf Club, was tied 12th in the 72-man field with a level-par score of 142 after two rounds – six behind winner Jimmy Mullen.

Sheridan-Mills, aged 21, was a shot further back in tied 20th after storming back from a first-round 74 with a second round of 69.

However, the three places in the Open went to Mullen, an amateur from North Devon, and professionals Gareth Wright and George Murray, who both finished five under par.

Sheridan-Mills had shot a three-under-par round of 69 at Little Aston Golf Club last week to finish fifth in his regional qualifying competition, earning him a spot in the final local qualifying.

Reign at top comes to end

PENN'S reign at the top of the **Dudley Building Society League** premier division for bowls was short-lived, despite victory against Victoria Park.

The 8-6 scoreline saw Chadsmoor Progressive A regain top spot with their 12-2 home victory over Dudley Dell A.

Chris Grocott was the form player for Chadsmoor with a 21-6 victory.

Defending champions M&B Cheslyn Hay joined Chadsmoor on 113 points as they eased past Willenhall Nordley A 13-1.

Willenhall Nordley B moved out of the relegation places with an impressive 12-2 home win over fellow strugglers Cradley Sports.

Butler and Chambers crucial – Smith



Dean Smith

DEAN Smith has launched his hunt for new players convinced he has already made his two most important signings.

The Walsall boss regards the re-signing of Andy Butler and Adam Chambers as crucial to his team's well-being.

The Saddlers were in the Caribbean for a week to continue their pre-season preparations with training and three games against Trinidad & Tobago opposition.

They are still digesting the shock of losing their three most successful front players last season – Febian Brandy, Will Grigg and Jamie Pater-

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son. But Smith is determined the setbacks will not derail the progress made last season and believes in his key central defender and anchor midfielder man he has the players to bond together a new force.

Smith persuaded Butler to sign a new one-year contract and Chambers a two-year deal and he said: "As far as I am concerned the two biggest signings we needed to make were always going to be Andy Butler and Adam Chambers."

"They are two fantastic profes-

sionals who the other lads look to for inspiration and leadership. Their professionalism is second to none and their presence in the dressing room meant they were always the most important ones for me to sign."

Butler insisted the club is on course to continue its progress under Smith. He said: "It's nice to have familiar faces coming into the changing rooms rather than the six players we had at one stage last year."

"Playing wise I think we are one of the best football teams in the league and that is thank to the gaffer and Richard O'Kelly who want to play football."

Walsall's travelling party were at a welcome dinner last week before a double training session – starting at 7.30am to dodge the heat.

Coventry City, meanwhile, have reportedly agreed a ground-sharing deal with Northampton Town for next season.

The Sky Blues, who are believed to have held talks with Walsall about playing at the Banks' Stadium, are now said to have reached an agreement with the Cobblers.

The temporary move to Sixfields will need to be approved by the Football League.

Wolves players told to fasten their seat belts

WOLVES have been warned to fasten their seatbelts and be ready for a high-tempo game under Kenny Jackett.

Ex-Watford right-back Darren Bazeley is the most notable former Wolves player to have had a taste of the new Molineux head coach's methods.

Now 40 and football development manager for the New Zealand Football Federation as well as being head coach for the Kiwis' Under-17s World Cup campaign, Bazeley came through the ranks at Vicarage Road as Jackett's playing career ended through injury in 1990.

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"I met Kenny when I was 16 at Watford; he was the youth-team coach at the time."

"He quickly moved from the youth team into the reserves then on to the first team, where he worked under Graham Taylor as assistant before taking over."

"For me, Kenny was a great coach – he was hard but fair and knew how to inspire and get the best out of his players, while maintaining a great team atmosphere."

"He demanded high standards, dedication, determination, and professionalism on and off the pitch."

Determination

Jackett's determination to introduce a new era at Molineux was shown when he transfer-listed four players on the first day of pre-season training.

Bazeley revealed the former Millwall and Swansea boss can handle the dressing room 'big hitters'.

"He has a strong character and will definitely be able to deal with high-profile players," he added.

Having worked with Jackett and played for Wolves, Bazeley believes the two are an ideal fit. He said, when I heard Kenny had resigned from Millwall I said he would be perfect to take over at Wolves.

Leaders survive late scare in bumper night



Back on track – Tai Woffinden, left leads Darcy Ward into a bend. Picture John Hipkiss Photography

LEAGUE leaders Wolverhampton survived a last heat scare to secure all three points with a hard-fought 49-42 win over Poole.

Both injury-ravaged sides put on a good show for a bumper Monmore crowd on Monday night and the Pirates pulled back from a seemingly hopeless position to give themselves a chance of a consolation point.

The meeting featured everything from a five-lap heat to races with only two finishers.

But after 14 heats, Wolves required a magnificent heat 15 ride from guesting No.1 Chris Harris and Tai Woffinden to secure maximum points following a resilient Poole fightback.

Despite holding a 17-point lead after 10 outings, Wolves let their com-

fortable advantage slip to set up a nervy finale.

Needing a 3-3 in the final race, Woffinden cleverly slowed the race down from second place to allow partner Harris to pass Martin Smolinski for the third place the home side desperately required.

Spearheaded

The race capped off an excellent evening for both Harris and the returning Woffinden as the duo spearheaded the side in the absence of skipper Fredrik Lindgren.

Birmingham man Harris stepped in admirably for the Swedish star, bagging three race wins in his opening three rides and being the only man to lower the colours of GP

sensation Darcy Ward. Woffinden also put in a classy display to make paid double figures – fighting through the pain barrier in the closing stages having aggravated his collarbone injury when shoved wide in his third outing.

Adam Skornicki again impressed as third heat leader, recording two race wins and fighting his way to a crucial second place in the penultimate race of the night with a determined effort.

Wolves 49: Chris Harris 11+2, Adam Skornicki 9+1, Tai Woffinden 8+2, Jacob Thorssell 7+2, Ludvig Lindgren 7+1, Ricky Wells 7, Ty Proctor R/R.

Poole 42: Darcy Ward 17, Rohan Tungate 14+2, Martin Smolinski 5+1, Micky Dyer 4, Maciej Jarowski 2, Josh Grajczonek 0, Thomas H. Jonasson R/R.

Perry sees his side home in a nail-biter

Staffs Clubs Div 2: Penn 172 Rushall 175-6, Rushall win by four wickets

AFTER an absolute tie the week before, Rushall were involved in another thrilling match, winning with just one ball to spare.

Rushall invited Penn to bat and the bowlers used the conditions well to keep the run rate down.

The introduction of the evergreen Ian Clayton (4-42) saw a mini-collapse but a fightback by Slimm (48) and Zaki saw Penn post 172.

The Rushall reply was built around an excellent 50 by Andy Clayton. Rushall found it hard to get the run rate up as Elishan conceded just 14 runs from 15 overs.

A late surge by Ian Clayton (23) and Scott Peach (20) set up the tight finish.

With Rushall requiring six runs from the last three balls, new batsman Dave Perry hit a four and a six to win with a ball to spare.

Staffs Club Div 3: Rushall 2nd XI 260 W-ton 5th XI 182-6, winning draw for Rushall

In the hot sun of Carter Park, Rushall were unable to convert their dominance into a victory.

Rushall elected to bat and the Wolverhampton bowlers found the conditions hard to cope with. Daz Stacy took advantage, passing his half century before 25 overs. He was looking set for a century but was run out on 83.

Shaun Allsop (33), Warren Foster (35) and a late flurry by Matt Jones (30) saw Rushall post 260.

From the start of the Wolverhampton reply, it became apparent they were looking for the draw.

A decisive bowling change by skipper Paul Hopkinson (4-31) brought the breakthrough as he took two wickets in his first over.

William Conn (45) and Mandip Mann (26) thwarted Rushall's search for victory.

Bulldogs in charge to triumph

Coventry Bears A 10 Birmingham Bulldogs 88

BIRMINGHAM Bulldogs Rugby League FC registered their third win on the trot against a game but youthful Coventry Bears "A" side.

Despite an early slip-up as Coventry loose forward Connor Slater went over, Bulldogs dominated and ran in 16 tries.

First-half scores came from Jermaine Bernard, Nic Evans, Curtis Harris and Andrew Burton with Sam Shepherd adding to each.

Winger Joe Williams went over in the corner, followed by Dan Ventrella. Second touchdowns for Bernard and Williams were followed by a try from Adam Bromley, Shepherd adding four more goals to give Birmingham a 52-4 half-time lead.

In the second half a slick assist from Baldock put Adam Walker over on the right. Skipper Matt Dudley weighed in with a brace, the first goal by Shepherd who also added to a second try for Ventrella.

Soon after, Burton crossed for his second touchdown.

Coventry never gave up and Slater went over for his second score, full back George Rae adding the goal.

In the final minutes Brum posted two more scores with a try for Matt Beattie, goaled by Shepherd plus a second for Walker as Bulldogs enhanced their play-off chances.

Paddock scores points victory in latest bout

BLOXWICH boxer Luke Paddock scored a points victory over Paul Haines in his latest bout at the Civic Hall, Wolverhampton.

Paddock fights from Paul Gough's gym in Dudley, the home of Priory Park Amateur Boxing Club, and he experienced his best night as a pro.

He opened the bill with a light welterweight four-rounder, officiated by Wolverhampton's Gareth Morris.

The 21-year-old skipped around Haines and picked punches in one-shot attacks but his adversary answered back with a right hand of his own, although Paddock retained accuracy to the final bell and took the decision 40-37 in a pleasing night.

Meanwhile Dudley's Ryan Aston was the boss of fight night to win his first title after his opponent retired with a rib injury at the start of the fourth round. Harry Matthews' movement had been impaired by a crunching body shot and, with his left eye also marked, punishment for the other six scheduled rounds seemed futile.

It brought to an end Aston's best performance in the pro ranks to date in his 12th paid contest.

He left the Civic on Saturday night with the British Masters super middleweight belt around his waist.

Realm

The match was made outside of the 22-year-old's usual realm of middleweight as Matthews had stepped in at just over a couple of days notice but it was, nonetheless, an impressive result.

The never-stopped 'Pocklington Rocket,' a former Central Area champion and English title challenger, certainly didn't

bully Aston as he would have liked. Aston bounced out of the corner from the opening bell and soon connected with two right hooks.

The right hook was his primary weapon, but he bamboozled Matthews back into the corner with a left left in the second.

Matthews kept on coming forward in the third right up until he was hurt by a loaded right hook to the ribcage that nearly took him off his feet and signalled the beginning of the end.

There was much deliberation at the end of the round as Matthews considered boxing on with trainer Glenn Banks making the call to retire to the referee, Dudley's Shaun Messer, one second into the fourth.

What was supposed to be a five-fight undercard turned into four contests with Swadincote's Craig Wilshe left dismayed

after a no-show from his opponent, Worthing's James Child. The reasons given for that Childs was on board a train from London to Birmingham that had struck someone on the tracks, forcing a long delay that saw the bout cancelled.

Mother

Tipton's Ricky Summers was pleased to be in action on the under-card after months out of the ring due to the passing of his mother, Shirley, who lost her battle with leukaemia in March.

Summers, usually a light heavy, had to lose nearly a stone-and-a-half. Derby puncher Elvis Dube wasn't the easiest introduction back into pro for the former senior ABA national semi-finalist.

Summers kept his head moving to record a shut-out points victory by 40-36.

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Timmins' delight at back-up support

PELSALL Villa boss, Craig Timmins says he is delighted with the backroom team he has assembled at The Bush as he prepares for his first season at the helm.

The 27 year-old is one of the youngest managers in the country but can tap into a wealth of experience.

His right-hand man is Keith Russell who has played league football with Blackpool and was part of Hedsnesford Town's epic FA Cup adventure at the end of the 1990s as The Pitmen were one of the top non-league sides in the country.

Veteran Ian Cooper, who works for the FA, has a coach mentor role, using the knowledge gained from a career in the game that has seen him serve the likes of Albion, where he was academy manager for 12 years, and Aston Villa.

The team is backed up by goalkeeping coach, Lee Bailey, Chief Scout, Jon Timmins, and Development Manager, Mark Bentley.

"You couldn't get a better backroom staff at this level," insisted Timmins. "There is so much experience and desire and already they have proved invaluable to me as we have started pre-season in a very positive manner."

"These people are going to be key in helping us move on to the next level and I know that they are right behind me with everyone pulling in the same direction."

Be cautious says Smith

HEDNESFORD Town boss Rob Smith insists consolidation is the aim for his newly-promoted side as they prepare for the Conference North - as hotshot Elliott Durrell prepares to commit his future to Keys Park.

The Pitmen aim to maintain the momentum that saw them win the Evo-Stik Northern Premier play-offs, the Staffordshire Senior Cup and the Birmingham Senior Cup.

But Smith sounded a note of caution. He said: "The main aim this season is to just establish ourselves in the league."

The Pitmen have a busy first week, starting at Stalybridge Celtic on Saturday, August 17, before home games against Leamington on the Tuesday and Oxford City the following Saturday.

Smith knows the step up will be tricky, but is looking forward to it.

"It was always going to be difficult," he said.

Jackett wants his team as fit as possible

WOLVES have made the journey to Andy Murray country - and the players already have a feeling for the punishing ritual the new Wimbledon champion has endured, such as yoga.

Kenny Jackett's squad are staying in Murray's hometown of Dunblane for six days and training at Stirling University, three and a half miles away. Jackett has had the players in at 7.30am every weekday since a week last Wednesday for the first of three training sessions per day.

After almost two weeks of the lung-bursting schedule, they boarded their coach at Molineux at 9am on Monday with few signs

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the hard work is letting up. They return for a training camp in Scotland for the first time since 2008, which preceded their promotion to the Premier League as Championship champions.

But like Murray - who has worn the old gold shirt at tournaments given to him by Wolves fan John Lloyd in 2008 - Jackett is really into the business of being a winner.

He sees the best way to do that is by being as fit as possible, with a more varied routine than the players would have been used to.

Jackett said: "I think to do three sessions a day, you generally in a working environment need to get up early and get working."

"It's a good habit to get into and in pre-season, it's something I've always done. "It's good to lay down some foundations and then you can properly separate a running session, a football session and a gym session."

"Then I can look at the content of each section. For example, the middle one is a warm-up with football - whatever drills I think are needed, whether it be finishing, defending, passing and heading, etc."

"As for the running, it starts long, with

trainers on a hard surface to start with to toughen the legs, then we move on to shorter stuff more relevant to football with boots on."

In Mick McCarthy's time, Wolves players were given the choice of taking up weekly pilates sessions offered to them.

Only a few did so, now similar work is a staple under Jackett, who said: "The gym-based sessions can be anything from weight training and physical conditioning to core work to mobility to yoga." The early starts aren't just to get players into a routine. Jackett believes the rest between each session is as important as the session itself.

Graydon back at Banks's

LEGENDARY Walsall manager Ray Graydon will return to the Banks's Stadium on July 31 as guest of honour at the Saddlers' 125th anniversary match against Villa.

The 65-year-old, who twice led Walsall to promotion to England's second tier, has been invited by the Walsall Football Supporters Trust to attend the pre-season friendly.

Former winger Graydon played for Villa between 1971 and 1977 and scored 67 goals in 193 games, scoring the winner in the 1975 League Cup Final.

A Trust statement said: "The trust board are thrilled to announce that 'Sir' Ray Graydon and his wife will be appearing at the Banks's Stadium on Wednesday July 31 as guests. The match will be a great milestone for the club and we appreciate him taking the time out to visit us for what aims to be a great night."

Walsall kicked off their pre-season tour in Trinidad with a 3-1 success against Stokeley Vale at the weekend.

Ben George opened the scoring before Dominic Munchen levelled. Then second-half strikes from trialist Gem Gordon and Kieron Morris secured victory for Saddlers.

Another home game on screen

WOLVES' second home game against Crawley Town has been selected for live coverage by Sky Sports.

The first ever competitive meeting between the clubs has been brought forward to Friday, August 23, with a 7.45pm kick off.

The Capital One Cup tie away to Morecambe is to be shown on Tuesday, August 6 (7.45pm).

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STRIKER'S CHANCE TO SHINE ON TOUR

KEEPER Richard O'Donnell and striker Troy Hewitt are among the players on trial at Walsall.

Former Chesterfield stopper O'Donnell and hitman Hewitt, who was released by QPR at the end of last season, have both been taken by the Saddlers on their pre-season tour of the Caribbean.

Smith is eager to bolster his forward line following the loss of Febian Brandy, Will Grigg and Jamie Paterson in the past fortnight and 23-year-old Hewitt, who made appearances on loan for both Bury and Colchester United last season, has been given his chance to shine.

The Saddlers are also in desperate need of a goalkeeper having used no fewer than four loan signing last term.

Youngster Liam Roberts is the only senior keeper currently on the books.

O'Donnell began his career at Sheffield Wednesday but made just 15 senior appearances for the Owls before switching to Chesterfield last summer.

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The 24-year-old played 14 times for the Spitfires in League Two last season, and also spent time on loan at Conference outfit Stockport County.

The duo have featured as Dean Smith's men began the tour with a 3-1 win over Tobago's Stokeley Vale.

That was followed by a dramatic 3-2 victory against Trinidad and Tobago Pro League XI, a game in which Tobagan trialist Gem Gordon netted twice.

Former Alvechurch striker Omari Sterling-James, who impressed for the Saddlers reserves last season, has also featured in both games.

Ben George and Kieron

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Morris were on target in Friday's win over Stokeley Vale, while Gordon also hit the net.

Gordon, who plays for Tobagan club Phoenix 1976, was one of five locally-based players who were given their chance to shine in the Saddlers' shirt.

He continued to impress after being handed another opportunity in the second half of the clash against the Pro League XI, sparking a stunning comeback with his brace as Smith's side came from two goals down in the last 20 minutes to win.

Goals from Jomal Williams and Neil Benjamin Jr had earlier put the hosts 2-0 up.

Midfielder Adam Chambers believes the pre-season tour, unprecedented in Walsall history, will be of huge benefit to the season ahead.

"It's been a great tour so far," he said.

"The boys are getting used to the humidity now, and we've been training at a high intensity."

The Saddlers were due to finish the tour with a game against hosts Central FC on Tuesday and the side was due back in the UK on July 10.

Caribbean test no holiday, insists Mantom



Dean Smith coaches young footballers from Trinidad



Dean Smith with Brent Sancho, founder of Central FC

MIDFIELDER Sam Mantom insists Walsall's Caribbean tour has been far from a holiday camp and will leave them in perfect shape for the new season.

The Saddlers have been in Trinidad and Tobago since last Wednesday as part of their preparations for the League One campaign.

It's been something of an unusual journey for a club who typically spend pre-season touring local non-league venues but Mantom has revealed the trip to the tropics has been no laughing matter.

In addition to facing three games against local opposition, Dean Smith's side have trained twice a day in searing heat and held several coaching sessions for island youngsters. Manager Smith even made an appearance on Tobago's daily break-

fast television show Rise and Shine, while Saddlers representatives have also featured on local radio.

Mantom believes the tour has been excellent preparation for the challenges which lie ahead in the coming months.

"It's been nothing like a holiday," he said.

Joking

"There were a few raised eyebrows when we were first told we would be coming over here - everybody thought the gaffer was joking."

"But I think the experience has been really good and will set us up well for what is going to be a really tough season in League One."

"The first game on Friday was played at 4.30pm in the afternoon and it was very hot, so that was a real test."

The trip has been something I never thought I would experience.

On Monday Smith and a travelling party which included former Dundee defender Brent Sancho, founder of Central FC who are hosting the Saddlers on the trip, met the Mayor of San Fernando Dr Navi Muradali.

On Tuesday they were facing Central FC at Mucurapco's Haseley Crawford Stadium in the final game of the tour before flying home yesterday (Wednesday).

Smith's side were looking to finish with a 100 per cent record after last Friday's 3-1 win over Tobagan outfit Stokeley Vale and a 3-2 triumph against a Pro League XI on Sunday.

"This has been a great experience for a lot of the players," said Smith. "I think it's something which will bode well for a lot of them."

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